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ハイ、わたしロゼッタ。
いわゆる白衣の天使ってやつ？
打ち身・擦り傷・捻挫・骨折
なんでもござれ。
尿瓶？
悪いわね、そのテの演出には
許容回数ってのがあるワケよ。
代わりに次巻は、
ちょっぴりマジな私が見れるぜ！

「さあ、おとなしく私に看病されなさい！」
ヘッヘッヘッ・・・・そうそう・・・・
なぁに、天井の染みでも数えてるうちに
終わるってモンよ！」

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この物語

戦争があった。永きにわたるフロスト共和国との戦乱は、帝国内各地に深い傷跡を残した。「雪氷の条約」と呼ばれた停戦から6年。軍縮、軍需、兵数の削減――それは"平和"という名の、もう一つの戦争だった。

これを実感した帝国上層部は、「軍事情報部内に第3課を設立し、戦災復興任務に当たらせた。その実、軍部の予算獲得のための方便であり、官民の不満を抑制するガス抜き以外でしかなかった。だが、社会を覆う閉塞感と厭戦のブルーな気分を、切り裂き壊すことを真に実践する彼らは、自らを"パンプキン・シザーズ"と呼称した。

【陸情1課】

コネリー少佐：1課長。国家公安に心血を注ぐ、冷徹な男。

【陸情2課】

ブランドン中尉：カルッセル駐箚員。共和国への亡命を図る。

ヴィッター少尉：通称『冷淡な(コールド)ヴィッター(ヴィッター)』。エリート諜報員。

フランシア伍長：ブランドン中尉補佐。警備隊に殺害される。

【兵器局技術開発部】

ウェブナー技術中尉：開発班主任。3課に肩入れ気味の姐御(アネゴ)。

【陸情3課】パンプキン・シザーズ

【実動小隊】

アリス少尉：気高く、ひたむきな小隊長。戦災復興に邁進。

オーランド伍長：満身に戦傷を負う巨漢。3課に希望を託す。

オレルド准尉：斜に構えた女たらしだが、物のわかる好漢。

マーチス准尉：思慮深く、制止役の多い苦労人。芯は強い。

ハンクス大尉：3課長。閑職に回された親父風だが、切れ者。

ステッキン曹長：本部の事務要員。軍人には見えない女の子。

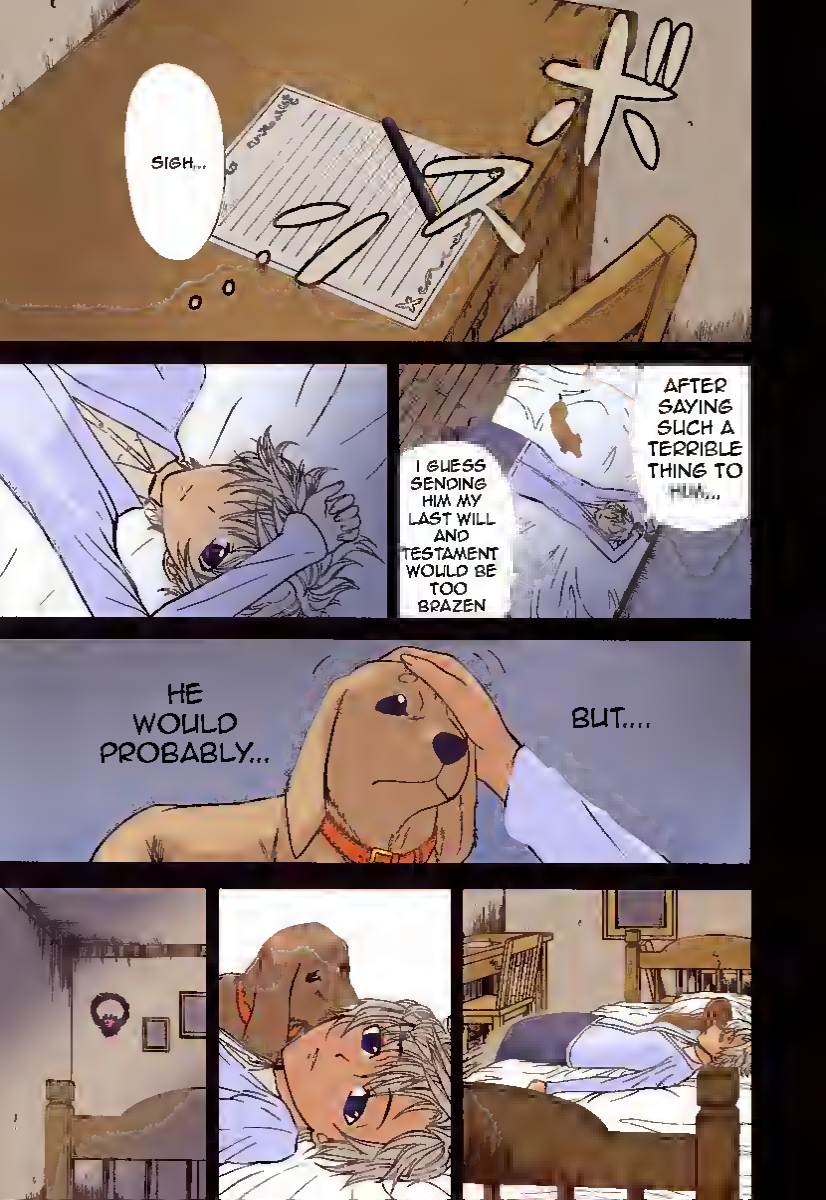
マーキュリー号：上等伝令兵待遇の軍用犬。オス。精力絶倫。

街の酒場のウェイトレス。国境警備隊の暴虐を堪え忍ぶ。

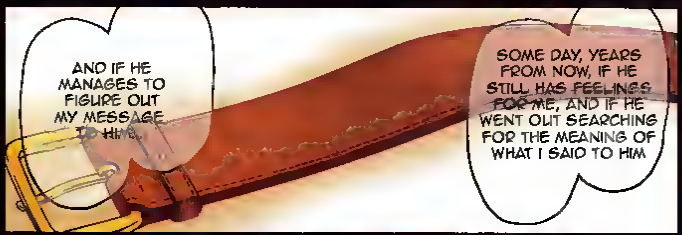
ティラミス：フランシア伍長に引き取られた元伝令犬被験体。

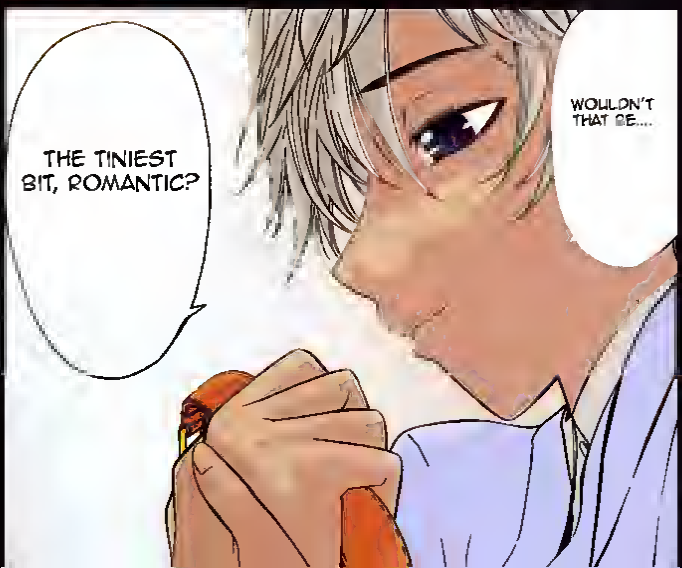
アーヴィー：カルッセル独立国境警備隊の隊長。旧領主の子。

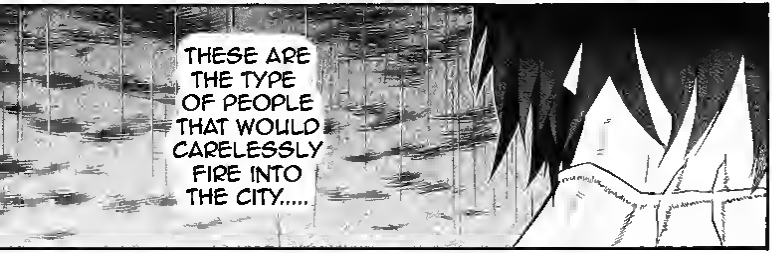
マイル：共和国との国境に近い街・カルッセルの区長。

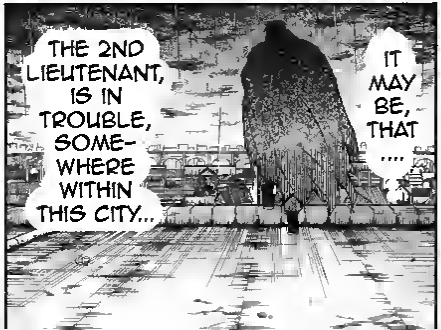

SIGH...
I GUESS SENDING HIM MY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT WOULD BE TOO BRAZEN
AFTER SAYING SUCH A TERRIBLE THING TO HIM...
HE WOULD PROBABLY...
BUT....

HEY
TIRA-
MISU


AND IF HE MANAGES TO FIGURE OUT MY MESSAGE TO HIM,
SOME DAY, YEARS FROM NOW, IF HE STILL HAS FEELINGS FOR ME, AND IF HE WENT OUT SEARCHING FOR THE MEANING OF WHAT I SAID TO HIM


THE TINIEST BIT, ROMANTIC?
WOULDN'T THAT BE....


THESE ARE THE TYPE OF PEOPLE THAT WOULD CARELESSLY FIRE INTO THE CITY.....


THE 2ND LIEUTENANT, IS IN TROUBLE, SOME-WHERE WITHIN THIS CITY...
IT MAY BE, THAT ....

RIGHT ....
THE 2ND LIEU-TEN-ANT....
PROTECTED ME, AS A "CORPORAL OF SECTION THREE"...
キュ...
I SHO-ULD ....
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN ....

†第30話　Merry…

★この漫画はフィクションであり、登場する人物・団体・場所・国名等は実在のものとは関係ありません。

I LINDERSTAND THAT....
YOU LOVED CORPORAL FRANCIA, SO MUCH!
THE "COLD" WITTER IS NOWHERE TO BE SEEN ANYMORE
EVER SINCE YOU READ THE MESSAGE ON THE COLLAR.... YOU'VE LOST YOUR EDGE
IT APPEARS AS THOUGH YOU ARE DEPRESSED BECAUSE YOU READ THE MESSAGE...
AND FOUND OUT THAT SHE DION'T RECIPROCATE YOUR LOVE
BUT HER LOVE IS....
YOU KEEP USING THAT WORD, "LOVE"!! EVERY TIME YOU USE IT, YOU CHEAPEN IT'S MEANING!!
SOME WORDS... BECOME LESS AND LESS IMPORTANT, THE MORE YOU USE... THEM....
I SEE .... YOU ARE RIGHT
SORRY, I MISSPOKE
I SHALL RE-STATE WHAT I SAID BEFORE, I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WERE LOVEY DOVEY WITH HER!
BUT YOU ARE SAID THAT YOU WERE NOT LOVEY DOVEY TOGETHER
NO, USE THE WORD "LOVE"
YOU SOMETIMES MAKE ME WANT TO SMACK YOU
ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU ARE SERIOUS

I THOUGHT ABOUT HOW I WOULD GO ABOUT IT MYSELF
AFTER I WAS WARNED ABOUT LOVE AND FRATERNIZATION ON THE TRAIN...

I CAME TO ONE CONCLUSION ABOUT MY THOUGHTS
AND, ALTHOUGH IT IS ONLY A PARTIAL ANSWER...

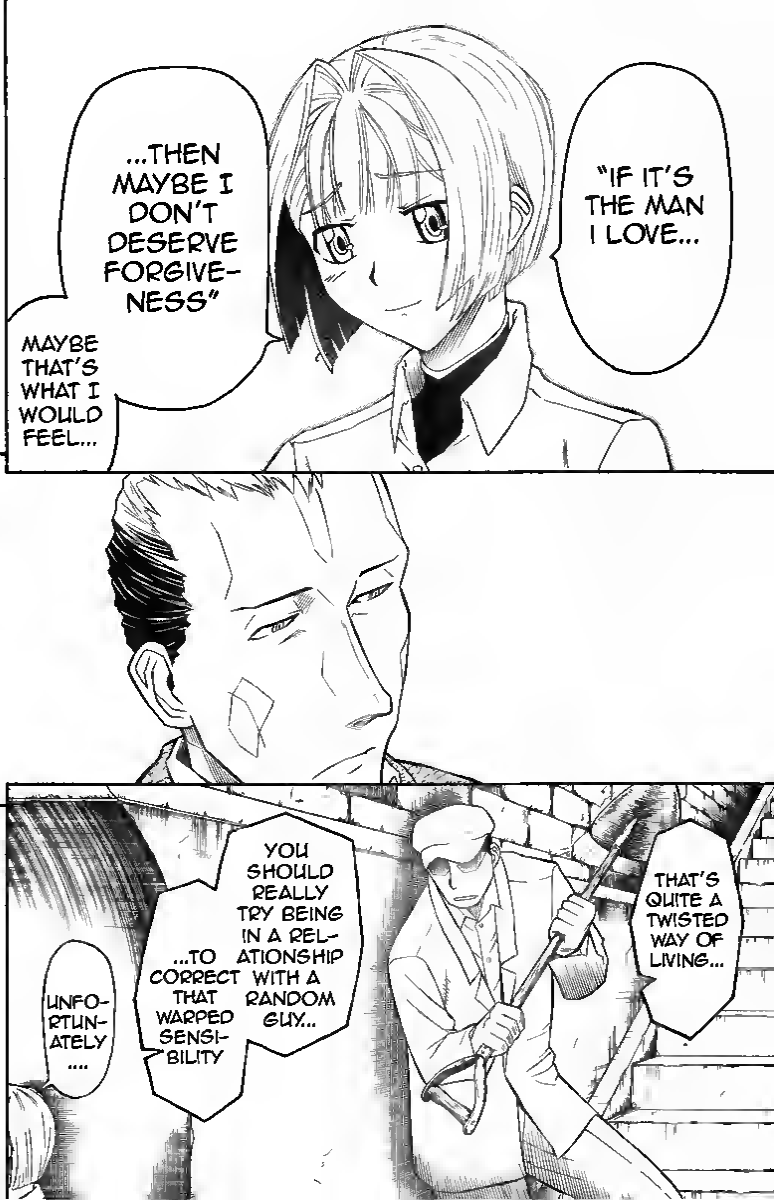
WITH ONLY ONE ANTIDOTE AVAILABLE
AND ONE IS A CIVILIAN, WHILE THE OTHER IS MY SUBORDINATE
FOR EXAMPLE, IF TWO PEOPLE ARE POISONED.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE MISSION WOULD NEVER BE COMPROMISED
IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SOLDIER, THEN YOU SHOULD IGNORE THE CILIVIAN AND CHOOSE YOUR SUBORDINATE
I WOULD GIVE THE ANTIDOTE TO THE CIVILIAN
WELL, SECTION 3'S MISSION IS TO SAVE CIVILIAN LIVES
BECAUSE THAT IS MY DUTY AS A SECTION 3 OFFICER

IF....
BUT...
HAPPENED TO BOTH BE MY SUBOR-DINATES....!!
THE PEOPLE WHO WERE POISONED....
SO THE PERSON YOU WOULD GIVE THE ANTIDOTE TO...
WOULD BE THE ONE THAT YOU LOVE...
I SEE... SO IF THE CONDITIONS WERE THE SAME...
IT WOULD BE A PERSONAL DECISION, AND NOT A MILITARY ONE
IT'S THE OPPO-SITE
NO

I WOULD PROBABLY
LET THE ONE I LOVE MORE, DIE....
AND GIVE THE ANTIDOTE TO THE OTHER
I, ALICE L. MARVIN ....
MUST STAY FAIR AND NEUTRAL, NO MATTER WHAT...
IF THERE COMES... A TIME WHERE I MUST CHOOSE TO SACRIFICE SOMEONE...
AND IF IT WERE SEEN AS AN UNFAIR DECISION...
I WOULD
GIVE UP THE ONE I LOVED BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE THE MOST FAIR THING TO DO

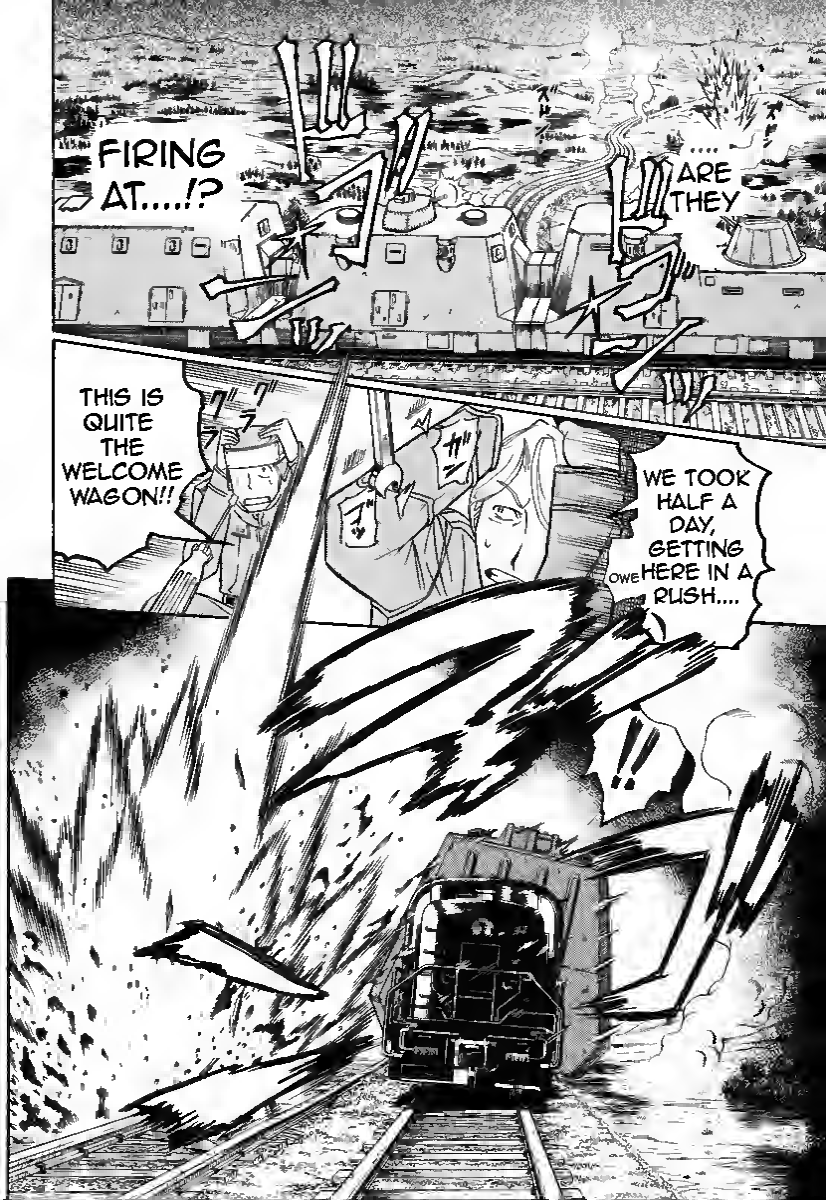
...ME, ALICE L. MARVIN
THAT IS WHAT ENTAILS, WHEN YOU LOVE...
...I WOULD KNOW HOW TO LOVE SOMEONE
THAT IS THE ONLY WAY THAT...
WOULD FORGIVE YOU...?
AND YOU THINK THAT THE PERSON WHO YOU LOVE, AND WHO WOULD LOVE YOU BACK...
.....
MAYBE...
...WHO KNOWS...


"IF IT'S THE MAN I LOVE...
...THEN MAYBE I DON'T DESERVE FORGIVE-NESS"
MAYBE THAT'S WHAT I WOULD FEEL...
THAT'S QUITE A TWISTED WAY OF LIVING...
YOU SHOULD REALLY TRY BEING IN A REL-ATIONSHIP WITH A RANDOM GUY...
...TO CORRECT THAT WARPED SENSI-BILITY
UNFO-RTUN-ATELY ....

I'M ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED, SO I CAN'T DO THAT
WHAT!?
THEN WHY DID WE HAVE SUCH A LONG CONVER-SATION FOR!?
WELL... UH....
I JUST ...
*CRY

IF EVERY-ONE HAS...
THEIR OWN WAY OF SHOW-ING THEIR LOVE
THEN MAYBE THE MESSAGE ON THE COLLAR...
...WAS HER SPECIAL WAY OF SHOWING HER OWN LOVE TO YOU?

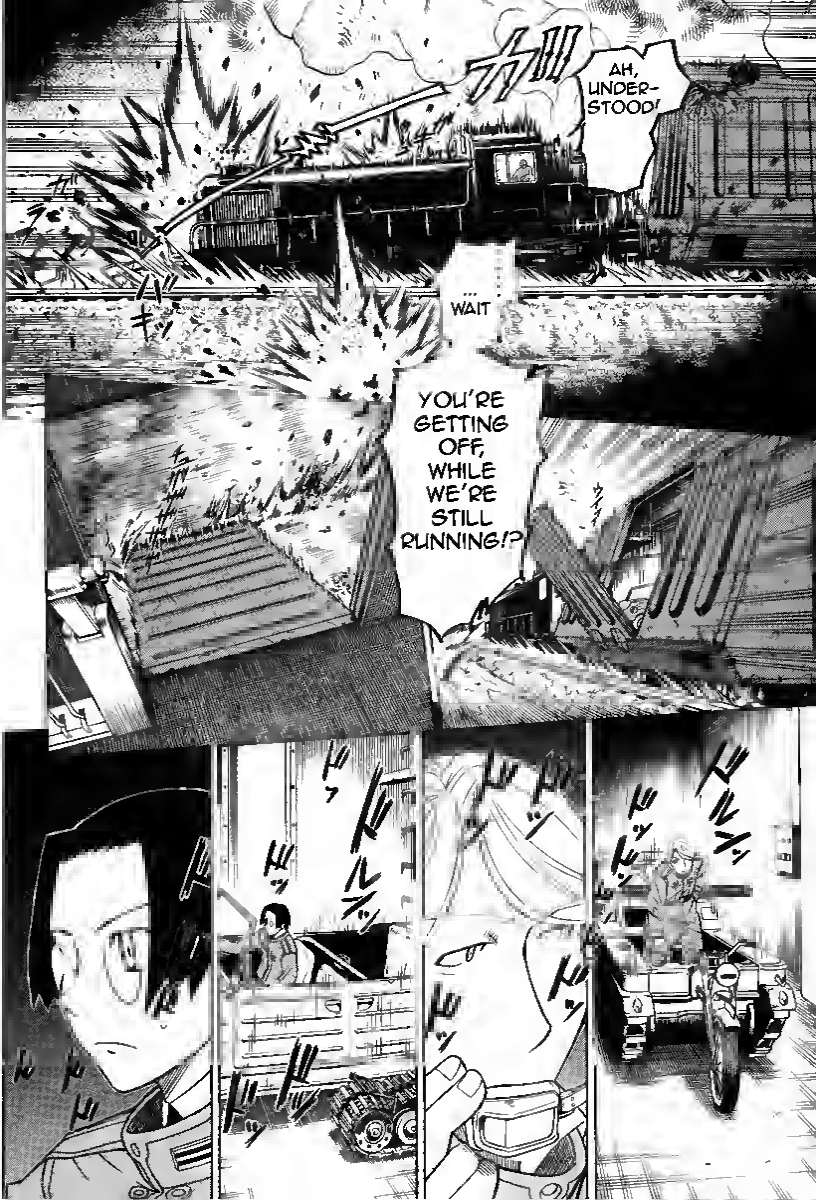
SO DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE YOU HAD NO CHOICE!
YOU CHOSE TO DO THIS!!
.....
I FEEL AS THOUGH MY WILL IS CRUM-BLING ...!!
EVERY TIME I HEAR THAT SOUND ....
!?
BUT THE CANNON IS FACING THE OUTSIDE OF THE CITY!?
IT'S FIRING AGAIN...
JUST WHAT EXA-CTLY ....


FIRING AT....!?
....ARE THEY
THIS IS QUITE THE WELCOME WAGON!!
WE TOOK HALF A DAY, GETTING OWE HERE IN A RUSH....
!!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY'RE FIRING IN THE CITY OF CAROUSEL ...!!
IF EVEN A SINGLE BULLET, REACHES THE REPUBLIC ....!!
I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT THIS TRAIN
IT'S NEW, RIGHT?
IT'S STILL INCOMPLETE, THOUGH ....
IT SHOULD BE MORE STURDY THAN NORMAL TRAINS BUT
ARE YOU OKAY, MARTIS!!
Y...YEAH, I'M FINE... BUT..
WE'RE SHIT DEEP IN TROUBLE NOW!!
CRACKLE
CARGO ROOM!!
THIS IS THE CONTROL ROOM!!

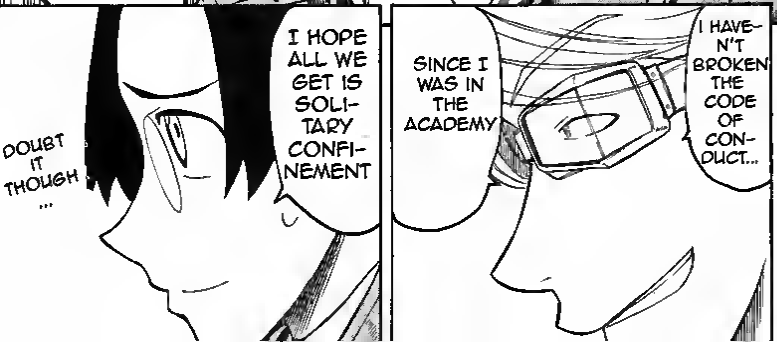
WE CAN'T LEAVE UNTIL THE CARGO IS GONE!!
SINCE WE'VE BEEN ORDERED TO COME...
……!
HURRY UP AND DROP THE CARGO OFF!!
ARGH!
YOU'RE STILL UNDER REST-RAINT...
I... I UNDER-STAND THE SITU-ATION, BUT...
HURRY UP! IF THEY DESTROY THE RAILROAD..
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO RETREAT!!
NO WE'RE NOT!! THE WIND-SHIELDS BROKE FROM THE EXPLO-SIONS
HEY!
ARE YOU GUYS ALR-IGHT!?

I THINK SHE DID PUT HER LIFE ON THE LINE TO PROTECT WHAT SHE BELIEVES IN
I ALSO HEARD YOUR CONVER-SATION ABOUT CORPORAL FRANCIA...
I'M JUST TALKING TO MYSELF, BUT... I HEARD WHAT THE MAYOR, SAID
ビリリ
ビリリ
.....
I...
I...
I AM ALSO A SOLDIER OF THE EMPIRE, I AM PREP-ARED TO GIVE MY LIFE FOR THE CAUSE!
BUT.... IF I DIE HERE... IT WOULD BE A MEANING-LESS DEATH...
HUH?
BEGIN YOUR RET-REAT!
WE'LL DROP THE CARGO NOW
?
*CRACK SLAM


AH, UNDER-STOOD!
...WAIT
YOU'RE GETTING OFF, WHILE WE'RE STILL RUNNING!?

CARGO ROOM!!
.... RE, REPLY!
WHAT WERE YOU SAYING ABOUT BEING RESTR-AINED...?
H... HEY, ARE YOU REALLY OKAY!?

RES-POND, CARGO ROOM!
CAR-GO RO-OM!
WHAT ARE YOU ...
Y... YOU GUYS ....
WE NEED TO RET-REAT!!
THERE IS NO REASON FOR US TO STAY HERE ANY LONGER!
....THE CARGO HAS LEFT THE TRAIN!!

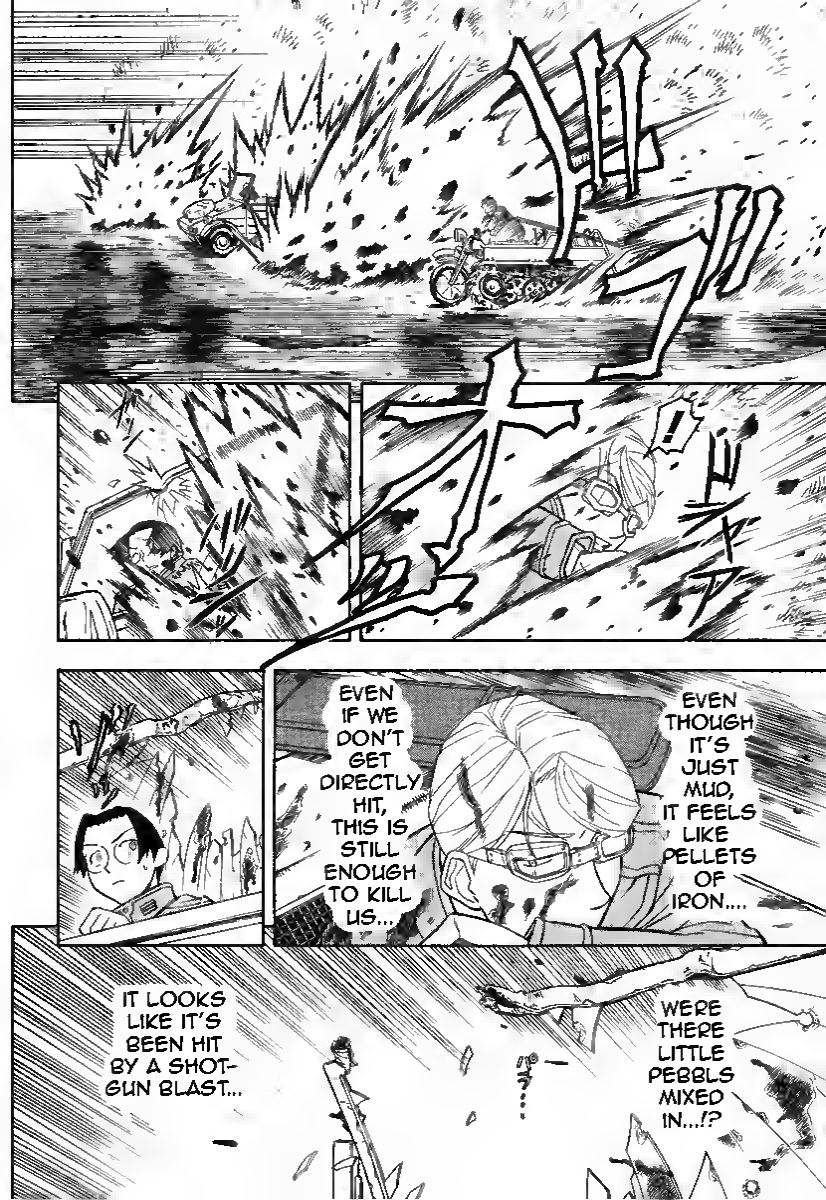

DOUBT IT THOUGH ...
I HOPE ALL WE GET IS SOLI-TARY CONFI-NEMENT
SINCE I WAS IN THE ACADEMY
I HAVE-N'T BROKEN THE CODE OF CON-DUCT...

IS THERE A POINT TO HAVING THE FRONT WHEEL ON THIS THING!?
IS..

...TAKE RESP-ONSIBILITY ALL ON YOUR OWN!?
YOU'RE TRYING TO....

YOU'RE ESC-APEES ....
DO YOU UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU'RE DOING ....?

SO COME HOME ALIVE, OKAY!!
I... I WON'T BE INDEBTED TO YOU GUYS!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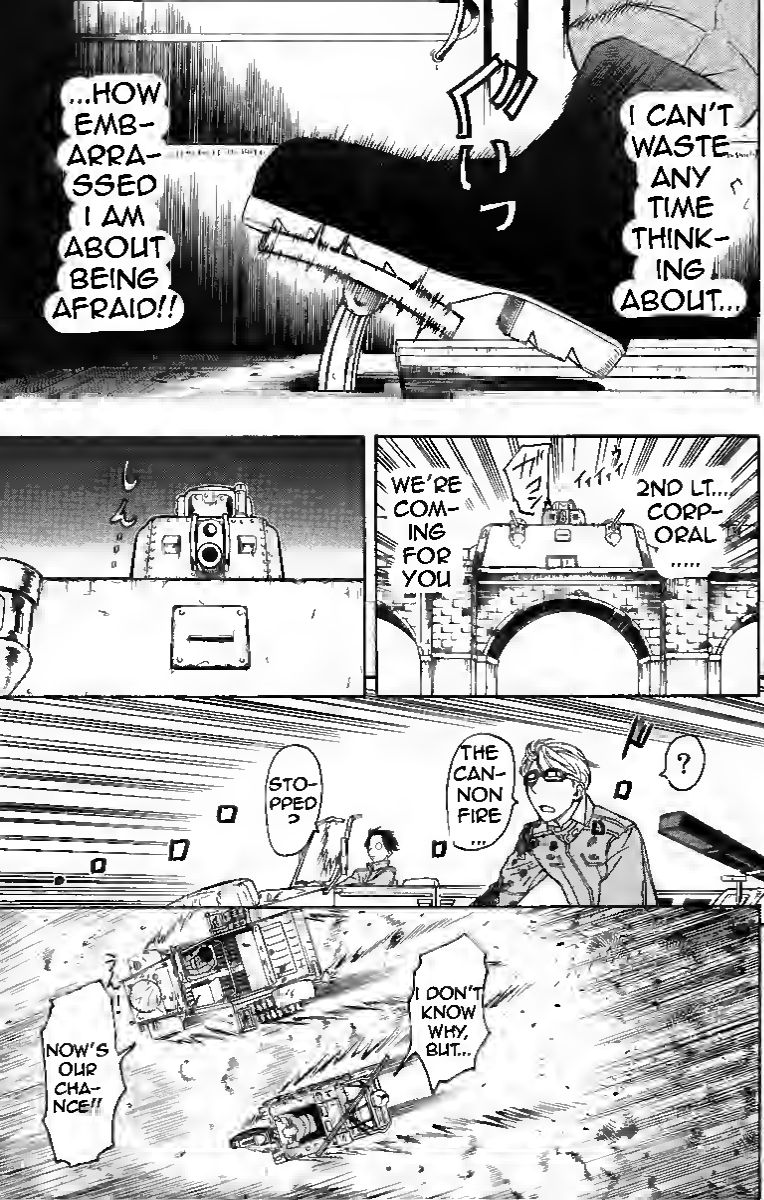
ドシャア
!
EVEN IF WE DON'T GET DIRECTLY HIT, THIS IS STILL ENOUGH TO KILL US...
EVEN THOUGH IT'S JUST MUD, IT FEELS LIKE PELLETS OF IRON....
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEEN HIT BY A SHOT-GUN BLAST...
WERE THERE LITTLE PEBBLS MIXED IN...!?

A BATT-
LEFIELD
LIKE
THIS....!?
THE
COR-
POR-
AL
WAS
ALW-
AYS
WALK-
ING
ARO-
UND...
I
CA-
N'T
....
DO
THIS
....
MARTIS
O...
ORE-
LDO
AH...
THIS
IS...
DID
YOU...

HUH...YEAH IT'S IN THE TRUNK....
...BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES!?
I PISSED MYSELF, A BIT!!
A NEW ONE
GIVE ME A CHANGE OF UNDER-WEAR, LATER!
THIS TRULY IS SCARY!!
...YEAH!
DAMN, THIS IS CRAZY SCARY!
UTTER MAD-NESS!


I CAN'T WASTE ANY TIME THINK-ING ABOUT...
...HOW EMB-ARRA-SSED I AM ABOUT BEING AFRAID!!
しん
WE'RE COM-ING FOR YOU
2ND LT... CORP-ORAL .....
STO-PPED?
THE CAN-NON FIRE ...
?
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT...
NOW'S OUR CHA-NCE!!

IS THAT AN ORDER FROM CAPTAIN HARVEY?
"STOP FIRING"?
WELL, IT'S PROBABLY THAT OLD GUY GIVING THE ORDER
YEAH
I BRO-UGHT YOU SOME-THING ELSE TO PLAY WITH
HERE
DON'T LOOK SO STIN-GY

...WELL, IF IT'S AN ORDER..
THERE ARE FEWER WOMEN IN THE CITY, THESE DAYS, SO... HEHEHE
バタン
DAMN!
WE WERE GONNA HAVE FUN WITH HER!
YEAH... LET'S GO PICK UP ANOTHER GIRL SOMEWHERE

TH-UMP
TH-UMP
TH-UMP
TH-UMP
TH-UMP...
ガウ

...THE HELL? DID SOME RUBBLE HIT THE CEIL-ING?

HEY! WHY ARE YOU PISSING YOUR ....
!
... WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
わかし
ぶぶぶ
ヒソ

SN-
AP
SN-
AP
SN-
AP
SN-
AP

AH..
AH..

AH
.....
AH
.....
AH
.....
AAAAAAAHHH!!
AAAAHH!!

AAAAAAHH!!
INC-REASE THE SPEED !!
THROW HIM OFF!!
AND THEN, STEP ON THE BREAKS ....
GOT IT!
G... !

. . . . . .
THE HELL IS THAT THING

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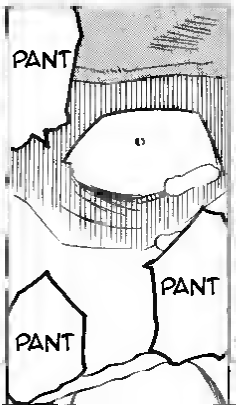
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IS HE LOOK-ING FOR SOME-ONE...?
..... WHAT? WHAT IS HE DO-ING...
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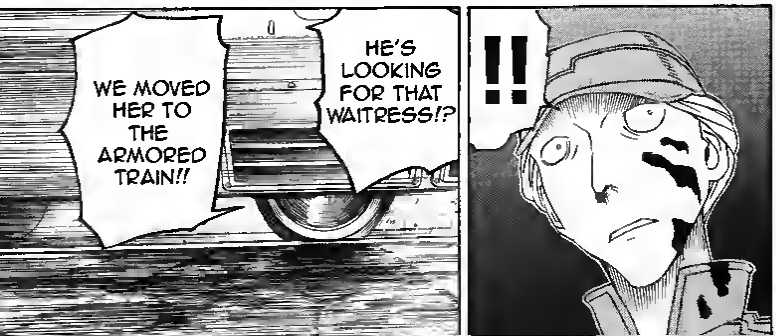
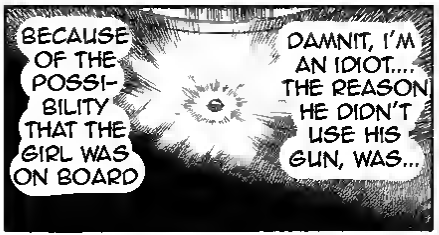
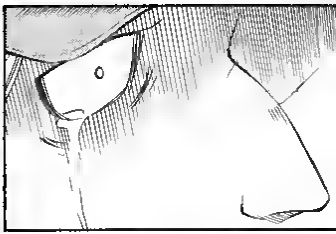

WE MOVED HER TO THE ARMORED TRAIN!!
HE'S LOOKING FOR THAT WAITRESS!?
!!

SO...
SO....
SHE'S NOT IN HERE ANYMORE!!

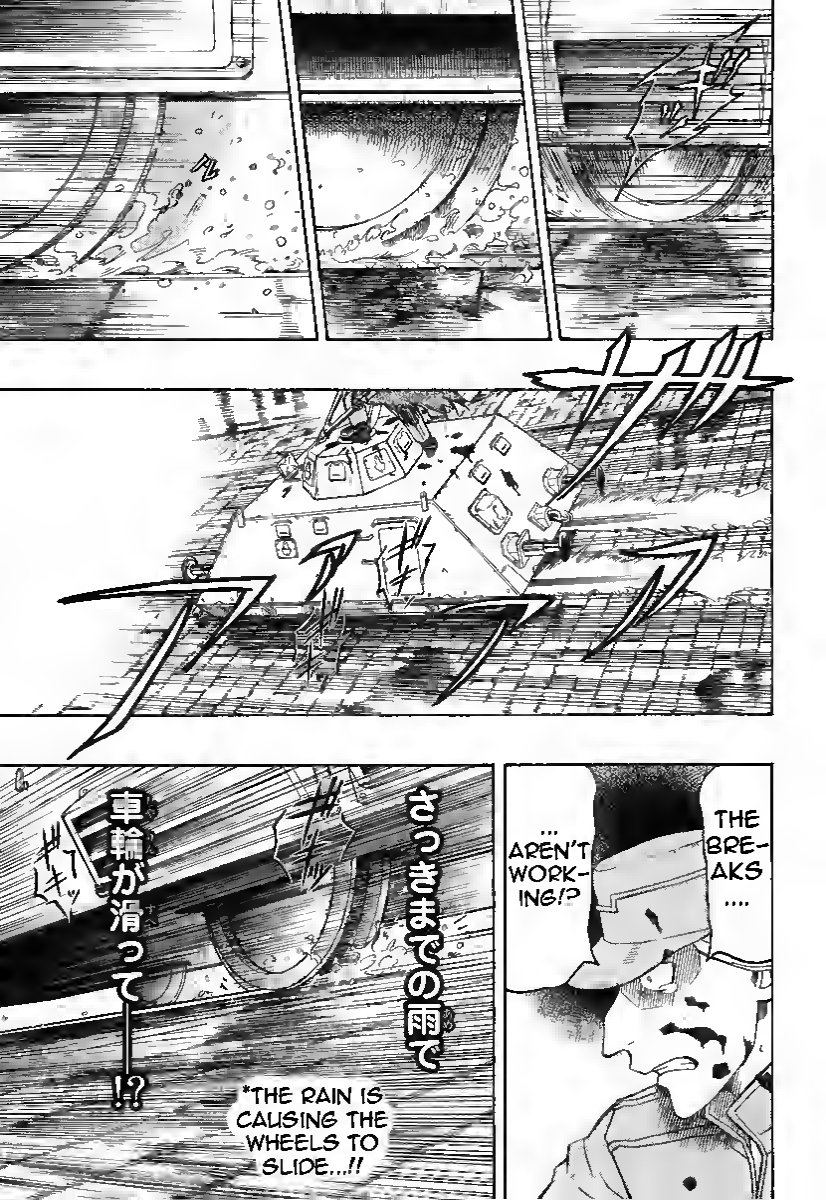

BECAUSE OF THE POSSI-BILITY THAT THE GIRL WAS ON BOARD
DAMNIT, I'M AN IDIOT.... THE REASON HE DIDN'T USE HIS GUN, WAS...



YOU MON-STER!!
GO TO HELL

THE BRE-AKS!

IF HE KNOWS THAT THE GIRL ISN'T IN HERE, THEN HE WILL NO LONGER HAVE ANY REASON TO REST-RAIN HIMSELF...


THE BRE-AKS ....
... AREN'T WORK-ING!?
さっきまでの雨で
車輪が滑って
ギギッ
!?
*THE RAIN IS CAUSING THE WHEELS TO SLIDE...!!

D...
STOP
STOP
DON'T SHOOT!!

... C... COR-PO-RAL ...?
2ND LT. MAR-VIN!?
!?

I MISSED HIS VITALS!
HE CAN STILL MAKE IT IF YOU TAKE HIM NOW
ARE YOU GOING TO LEAVE THEM TO DIE?
...THANK YOU
I DON'T MIND
BESIDES, I ONLY HAVE A FEW SHOTS LEFT.... WE WON'T BE ABLE TO ESCAPE THIS...
I THINK WE'RE AT THE END OF THE ROAD
!
WHAT IS THAT ...?
SOMETHING IS COMING TOWARDS US!
MOVE, MOVE!!

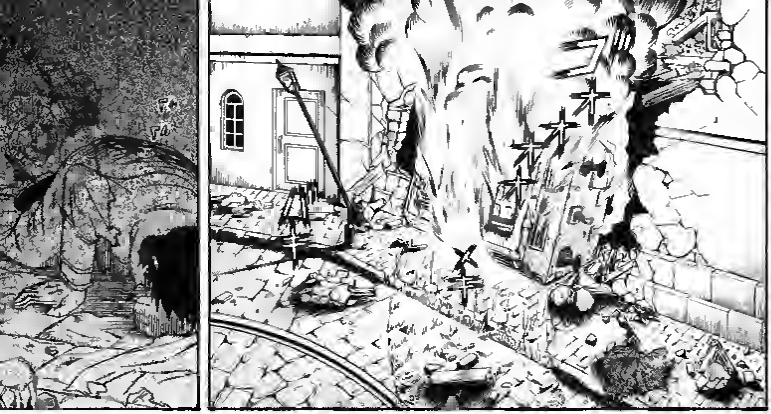
O....
.....
BEEN WAITING LONG?
YO
ORELDO!?
#30／END

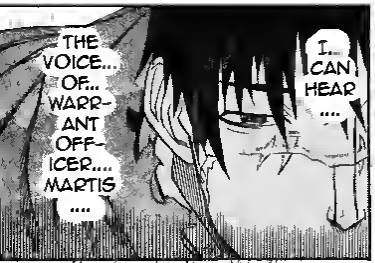
AIZEN HERE

SO, HERE IT IS, PUMPKIN SCISSORS.

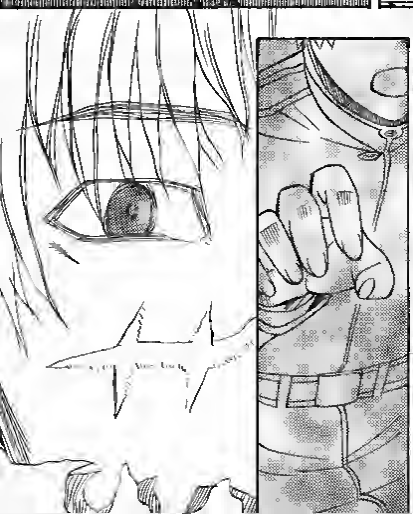
BEEN WANTING TO WORK ON THIS FOR A WHILE, EVEN GOING AS FAR AS APPLYING FOR KUNDERE SCANS AND JOINING UP WITH ANOTHER TO RELEASE A CHAPTER.

ENJOY :)




I... CAN HEAR ....
THE VOICE... OF... WARR-ANT OFF-ICER.... MARTIS ....

THAT'S STR-ANGE .....
WH-AT ... THE ....



IN THIS CITY .....
THERE IS NO... WAY THAT HE COULD BE...

!?
WAAAHH!!
...AH...
WAR-
RANT
OFF-
ICER?

YEAH... ARE YOU OKAY?
YOU'RE HURT.... AND YOU DON'T LOOK TOO WELL...
DO YOU HAVE A FEVER ...?
...DID... YOU DO THIS?
.... YES.
I... DEST-ROYED THIS HOUSE..
W, WELL, IT LOOKS ABAND-ONED, SO....
WARR-ANT OFF-ICER MARTIS, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK.
HUH?

†第31話　…Go Straight

UNDER-
STOOD!
OREL-
DO!
HEY
MOVE IT,
MOVE IT!
IF THERE
IS A
REASON
TO, THEN
I WILL
I THOUGHT
THAT YOU
WOULD BE
THE TYPE TO
FIGHT UNTIL
YOUR LAST
DYING
BREATH....
...WELL
THIS IS
UNEX-
PECTED
.....

IF SOMEONE COMES AT ME, OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL, THEN I SHALL FEND THEM OFF WITH MY LIFE
BUT, IT IS MEANINGLESS TO FIGHT SOMEONE WHO IS BEING CONTROLLED BY FEAR, WITH ANOTHER FORM OF FEAR, LIKE MY SWORD!
IT WILL JUST BE OVERCOME BY A STRONGER TYPE OF FEAR
SO, CAPTAIN, WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO NOW?
LET'S REST A BIT
BOTH LT WITTER AND I ARE AT OUR . LIMIT
BUT, BEFORE THAT, LET'S EXCHANGE INFORMATION
SOMETHING HAPPENED AT HQ, RIGHT?
OTHERWISE, HOW COULD YOU BE HERE
ONCE I REGAIN MY STRENGTH ....
AFTER THAT....
WELL, YES

HER WEAPON...
SHE IS PRO-BABLY ....
IN DANGER ....

A CIVILIAN HAS BEEN CAPTURED
PLEASE GIVE ME PERMISSION TO SAVE HER
BUT ....
SO YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN
BUT WE HAVE OUR HANDS FULL AT THE MOMENT
UNDER-STOOD
RIGHT
AH, LT.! THIS...
MY CLO-THES!

...
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
EVEN THOUGH THE LT. GAVE YOU THE GO-AHEAD ....
I THINK SHE'S SCARED A LITTLE, TAKING THIS ON WITHOUT YOU...

I.... MADE A PROMISE TO HER
THAT I WOULD HAVE HER BACK....
IF SO, THEN YOU SHO-ULD...
BUT...
THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT I WILL STAY CLOSE, AND GUARD HER
AL-THOUGH THAT WOULD BE THE BEST THING TO DO...
THE LT. WOULD NOT WANT ME TO DO THAT, FOR HER...
THE LIEUT-ENANT...
WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO DISCARD AWAY MANY THINGS, IN ORDER TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD...
AND THOSE THINGS, THAT SHE THREW AWAY, AND SAVE UP ON....
WILL PROBABLY WEIGH HER SHOULDERS DOWN, AND HINDER HER MOVEMENT....

IF THOSE THINGS SHE LEFT BEHIND, WERE TO HARM HER, I WILL ENGAGE THEM
AND IF THEY ARE SIMPLY THINGS THAT SHE HAS SPILLED, I WILL BE THERE TO PICK THEM UP, BEHIND HER
AND IF I AM ABLE TO LIGHTEN THE BURDEN PLACED ON HER, AND...
HER LEGS BECOME LIGHTER, BECAUSE OF MY HELP, AND SHE IS ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD....
THEN I WILL KNOW THAT I HAVE....
HELPED COVER HER BACK, AND PROTECTED HER

SO, WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON DOING, NOW?
THERE IS A SLOPED DRIVEWAY, THAT ALLOWS CARS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE ARMORED TRAIN
ARE YOU THINKING OF DIRECTLY LATCHING ON TO THE TRAIN!?
WE SHOULD... HIT IT FROM AFAR, OR MAYBE SABOTAGE THE RAILS...
MY GUN DOESN'T HAVE ANY RIFLING... WHEN IT GOES TOO FAR, THE BULLET DROPS
AND, IT MIGHT BE ABLE TO CRUSH ROCK, BUT IT WILL NOT PENETRATE METAL...
WE CANNOT SABOTAGE THE RAILS, EITHER
THE GIRL INSIDE, MIGHT GET HURT
AND IF THE TRAIN, DERAILS IN THE CITY....
CIVILIAN HOUSES, WILL BE DESTROYED

YOU SHOULD BE THE ONE TO PROTECT HIM...
DON'T PUT THE BUILDINGS ABOVE YOUR OWN LIFE!!
WE CAN JUST EVACUATE THE CIVILIANS!!
AND FOR A PERSON TO GO 1 ON 1 AGAINST A TANK OR AN ARMORED VEHICLE
THE EFFECT WILL BE LARGER THE MORE ABNORMAL THE PERSON IS....
IF THEY USE UNDERHANDED METHODS TO GET TO HIM,
DON'T LET HIM FIGHT AN ARMORED VEHICLE, AGAIN
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS...
...IS AT THE PINNACLE OF ABNORMALITY

AND HANKS IS CAPABLE OF CUTTING OFF HIS OWN SUB-ORDINATES IF AND WHEN HE NEEDS TO
AND WITH ORELDO, THEY WILL FIND OUT THAT ANY ATTEMPTS WON'T AFFECT HIM AS MUCH
THEY PROBABLY WON'T BE ABLE TO THINK OF AN UNDER-HANDED METHOD OF HARMING THE GIRLS

IF YOU WANT TO PROTECT HIM, THEN YOU NEED TO BECOME A MORE SINISTER, UNLIKABLE PERSON
AND ARE ALSO ABLE TO FIND A WAY TO COUNTER THEM
WHICH IS WHY YOU ARE CAPABLE OF COMING UP WITH CRAFTY PLANS
BUT, YOU'RE FAR WEAK-ER THAN THE REST OF THEM

...I DON'T CARE IF YOU THINK WORSE OF ME .....

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I'LL ALWAYS LIKE YOU
DON'T WORRY

THE PERSON THAT WAS KIDNAPPED, WAS A GIRL, RIGHT?
THEN I DON'T THINK SHE'S IN ANY DANGER TO BE KILLED, ANY TIME SOON
I THINK WE CAN PUT THIS OFF, FOR A LITTLE WHILE
WE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON MEETING UP
IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING
WHAT'S IMPORTANT, IS TO PROVIDE RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION TO THIS CITY, RIGHT?
YOU ARE A MEMBER OF SECTION 3....
THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THIS CITY, AND ONE LITTLE GIRL....
WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT!?

THOSE TWO, ARE...
MOST LIKELY, CONN-ECTED TO EACH OTHER
IN ORDER FOR THE CITY TO RECON-STRUCT ITSELF...
THE PEOPLE, NEED THE WILL TO LIVE, TO SURVIVE...
SUCH AS....
BEING ABLE TO LOVE, LIKE NOR-MAL PEO-PLE...
OR TO HAVE A WARM HOUSE, WAIT-ING FOR THEM...

IF THOSE THINGS ARE....
TAK-EN AWAY FROM THEM, THEN .....
EVEN IF THEY ARE ALIVE
THEY WILL BEGIN TO GIVE UP ON LIVING
I'M SORRY, 1ST LT. WEBNER ....
EVEN THO-UGH YOU WAR-NED ME...
I CAN-NOT STOP THE CORP-ORAL
BEC-AUSE ....

SINCE I AM A MEMBER OF SECTION 3, AS WELL
I ALSO WANT TO SAVE HER

NOW, NOW
STAND! SIT!
COME ON, STAND!
HURRY UP

"STAND", "SIT", "STAND"
ALRIGHT, SO, NEXT, DO...

"LAUGH"!

NOW ....
HMM

GOOD

...HA HA
...HA....
GYAHA HAHAHA
YOU SEE THAT!? SHE ACTUALLY LAUGHED.
IT'S FUN CONTROLLING THE ARMORED VEHICLES
BUT CONTROLLING HUMANS IS A LOT MORE FUN!
I SEE... SO I'M BEING CONTROLLED..
OKAY, NOW... "STRIP"!
I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE IF I'M BEING CONTROLLED...
YES
EVEN IF I'M BEING ORDERED TO DO IT....

FOR EVER .....
WILL REM-AIN AS A FACT
THE FACT THAT I DID IT...
OF THE-SE GUY-S?
TO FUL-FILL THE DES-IRES...
DO I HAVE TO BE THE ONE...
WHY...
THESE GUYS .....
NO... I HATE THIS...
I CAN NO LON-GER IGN-ORE...
THE THINGS I HAD GIVEN UP ON, UP UNTIL YESTER-DAY...

THEY MAKE ME SO ANGRY!!
I HATE THEM ALL!
THE BLOOD IS....
THUMP THUMP
RUSHING TO MY HEAD, AND IT'S THROBING!
MY EARS ARE RINGING, BECAUSE OF IT...
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THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
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THE SOUND OF THE RAILWAY IS...
BEING DROWNED OUT....
IS LOUDER .....
THE SOUND OF MY HEART...
TH-UMP
TH-UMP
TH-UMP
TH-UMP
OH, SO NOW IT'S A CHASE!?
THE DOORS ARE CLOSED, WHILE WE'RE RUNNING
AFTER ALL, IT'LL BE DANGEROUS IF YOU FALL, RIGHT?
AL-RIGHT, I GUESS I'LL JOIN IN
I HAD PROBABLY GIVEN UP, BEFORE I HAD EVER FELT THIS BAD
SO THAT I WOULD NOT FEEL ANY PAIN OR SADNESS
I HAD ACTED AS SOMEONE WHO WAS BEING "ORDERED"

*WHISTLE
AND SOMEONE WHO FEELS THAT THEY ARE DEAD, CANNOT FIGHT BACK
THAT'S WHY I FELT LIKE I WAS DEAD
!!
IF I DIE, RIGHT NOW
ATL-EAST IT WILL BE OF MY OWN FREE WILL!!
I WILL TAKE MY OWN LIFE, AND DIE!!
RIGHT...

FOLLOW THEIR ORDERS, ANY-MORE
I WILL NOT...
CHOOSE MY OWN PATH...
I WILL...
!!
EVEN THOUGH, UP UNTIL A MOMENT AGO, I HAD THOUGHT TO MYSELF, THAT I WOULD DEFINATELY KILL MYSELF
MAN, I'M TRULY WEAK WILLED .....
OKAY, END OF THE ROAD!

SUR-
VIVE!!
RIGHT NOW, I FEEL LIKE I WOU-LD RATHER .....
JUMP DOWN!!

WAR-RANT OFF-ICER!!
RI-GHT!
WHY IS THAT CAR, HERE!!
USE THE CAN-NON!!
IT'S TOO CLOSE FOR US TO FIRE AT
SMALL ARMS UNIT!

COR-
POR-
AL!?
たん…
DRUNK FROM THEIR PLAY-HUNTING...
THESE GUYS ARE...
OTHERWISE, THEY MAY START SHOOTING INTO THE CITY, WHILE THEY TRY TO AIM FOR THIS CAR....
SOMEONE NEEDS TO STAY, AND ACT AS PREY....
OKAY, YOU MIS-SED!
DAMN, ONE MORE TIME!
BUT STILL ....

I MADE YOU DO SOME-THING, THAT YOU DID NOT WANT TO DO..
I'M SORRY, WARRANT OFFICER MARTIS
COR-POR-AL!!
DAMN IT, I'LL REMEM-BER THIS
GET THE CANNON READY...
!
DON'T LET THEM ESC-APE!
THE SLOPE USED FOR COMM-UNIC-ATION VEHI-CLES!

WASN'T THIS THE GUY WHO WAS AT THE BAR?
HEY ....
LOOKS LIKE WE GOT ANOTHER PERSON WORTHY OF OUR SABERS
MY, MY...
ホ!
IT'LL BE BORING, IF HE DIES TOO QUICKLY
.... DON'T USE YOUR GUNS ...
HE WAS SHOT BY THAT WAITRESS, AND WAS RUNNING AROUND ALL SCARED!
OH, YOU'RE RIGHT...
JUST A BIT MORE .....
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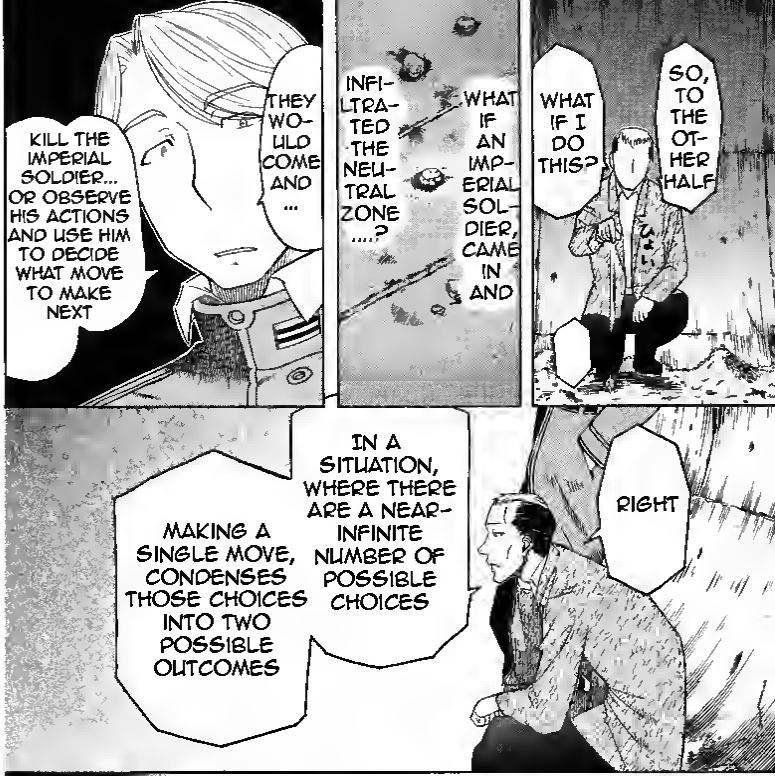
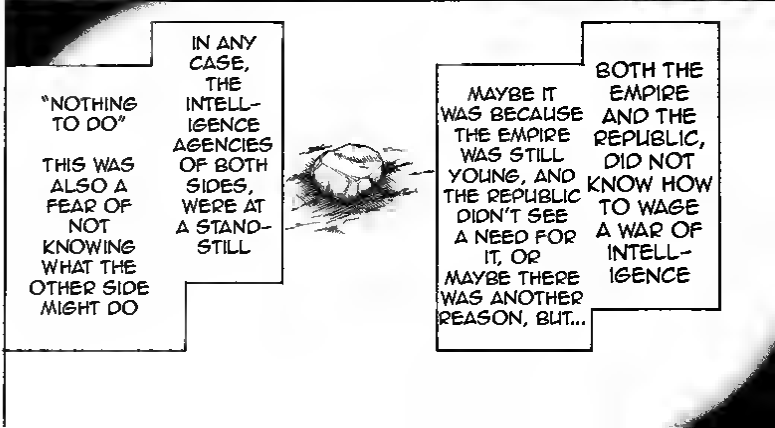
.....
WAIT UNTIL THE TRAIN GET'S OUT OF THE CITY STREETS...

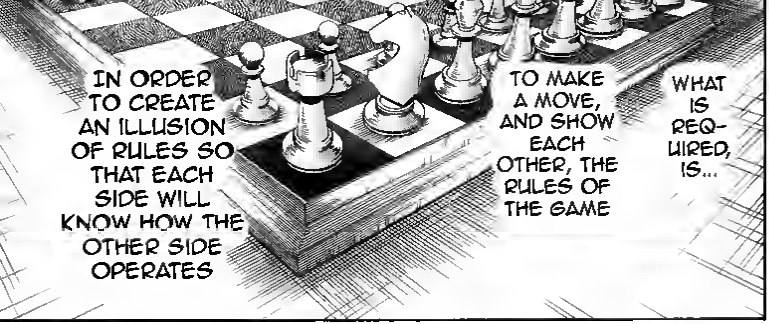
HMPH ....
EVEN THOUGH SHE KNOWS HER SUBORD-INATES WOULD BE IN DANGER ....
IT'S HARD TO TELL WHICH ONE OF US IS ACTUALLY "COLD" TOWARDS OUR OWN TEAM MATES
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK..
YOU'RE NOT AS "COLD" AS THEY CLAIM YOU ARE
YOU TRADED INFO WITH US, TOO
LT MARVIN ALSO SAID THE SAME THING
BUT THIS IS...
THE REAL ME...

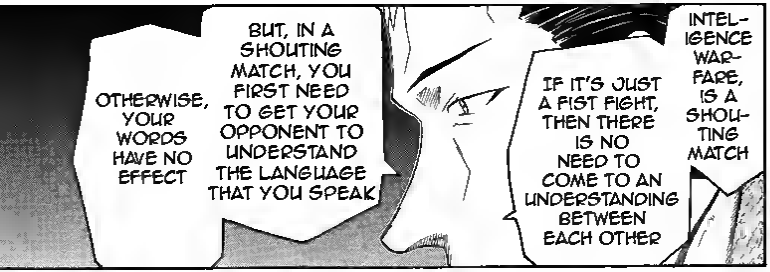
"COLD WITTER" IS ONLY A STAGE NAME
FOR PROPAGANDA USE
JUST LIKE CORPORAL FRANCIA?
...YOU KNOW ABOUT HIM?
I DID SOME CHECKING
BUT, ON THE FLIP SIDE, BECAUSE IT WAS SO EASILY UNCOVERED
THAT MEANS THAT THEY WANTED IT TO LEAK OUT, RIGHT?
RIGHT.. CORPORAL FRANCIA'S FATHER, WAS
KILLED IN THE INCIDENT WHERE THE REPUBLIC SOLDIER WHO WAS PARDONED, ESCAPED
"THE REPUBLIC SOLDIER, WHO WAS SHOWN MERCY, ESCAPED AND KILLED AN IMPERIAL SOLDIER
THIS INCIDENT WAS USED AS A PERFECT WAY TO INCREASE PUBLIC HOSTILITY AGAINST THE ENEMY
IF HE HAD FOLLOWED THE RULES, HE SHOULD'VE BUT, BECAUSE HE WAS SHOT THE SOFT, HE SOLDIER COULDN'T, AND WAS KILLED IN RETURN
THIS WAS A TRAUMATIC EVENT FOR THE CORPORAL
AH, SO YOU DID LOOK INTO IT...
NOTHING
SO, WHERE DID YOUR NAME COME FROM?
HUH?

IT'S A CHILDISH STORY....
NOT MUCH TIME HAS PASSED, SINCE THE INTELLIGENCE BUREAU HAS BECOME WHAT IT IS TODAY
AND WE WERE SEEN AS A COWARDLY UNIT WHO RAN AROUND, HIDING, AND COLLECTING INFORMATION, SO WE COULDN'T GET THAT MUCH FUNDING
ALTHOUGH THE EMPIRE KEPT THE REPUBLIC AT BAY, DUE TO OUR TECHNOLOGICAL SUPERIORITY, AND FUNDING FROM THE NEVI-EURO (WESTERN ALLIANCE), FINALLY, THE DAY CAME....
WHEN OUR ARMORED TANK TECHNOLOGY, WAS LEAKED, AND THE MEMBERS OF CAUPLIN, DEFECTED
THE REPUBLIC BEGAN MASS PRODUCING THE TANKS, AND PUT THEM TO USE IN A FAR MORE EFFICIENT WAY THAN THE EMPIRE
THE EMPIRE FINALLY UNDERSTOOD HOW IMPORTANT, THE CONTROL OF INFORMATION, WAS....
NOW, HERE'S AN EXPERIMENT
LET'S SAY, BEYOND THIS LINE, IS THE REPUBLIC, WITH THIS SIDE, THE EMPIRE
HOW DO YOU THINK THEY WILL INVADE US?
I DON'T KNOW
YOU'RE NOT THINKING IT THROUGH, ARE YOU?
BUT STILL, YOU'RE HALF RIGHT...


KILL THE IMPERIAL SOLDIER... OR OBSERVE HIS ACTIONS AND USE HIM TO DECIDE WHAT MOVE TO MAKE NEXT
THEY WOULD COME AND ...
INFILTRATED THE NEUTRAL ZONE ....?
WHAT IF AN IMPERIAL SOLDIER, CAME IN AND
WHAT IF I DO THIS?
SO, TO THE OTHER HALF
RIGHT
IN A SITUATION, WHERE THERE ARE A NEAR-INFINITE NUMBER OF POSSIBLE CHOICES
MAKING A SINGLE MOVE, CONDENSES THOSE CHOICES INTO TWO POSSIBLE OUTCOMES


"NOTHING TO DO"
THIS WAS ALSO A FEAR OF NOT KNOWING WHAT THE OTHER SIDE MIGHT DO
IN ANY CASE, THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES OF BOTH SIDES, WERE AT A STANDSTILL
MAYBE IT WAS BECAUSE THE EMPIRE WAS STILL YOUNG, AND THE REPUBLIC DIDN'T SEE A NEED FOR IT, OR MAYBE THERE WAS ANOTHER REASON, BUT...
BOTH THE EMPIRE AND THE REPUBLIC, DID NOT KNOW HOW TO WAGE A WAR OF INTELLIGENCE


IN ORDER TO CREATE AN ILLUSION OF RULES SO THAT EACH SIDE WILL KNOW HOW THE OTHER SIDE OPERATES
TO MAKE A MOVE, AND SHOW EACH OTHER, THE RULES OF THE GAME
WHAT IS REQ-UIRED, IS...


OTHERWISE, YOUR WORDS HAVE NO EFFECT
BUT, IN A SHOUTING MATCH, YOU FIRST NEED TO GET YOUR OPPONENT TO UNDERSTAND THE LANGUAGE THAT YOU SPEAK
IF IT'S JUST A FIST FIGHT, THEN THERE IS NO NEED TO COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN EACH OTHER
INTEL-IGENCE WAR-FARE, IS A SHOU-TING MATCH

FROM TODAY ON-WARDS, YOU WILL BE...
HAD AN EASY ANSWER
THE QUESTION OF HOW TO GO ABOUT AND SHOW THE REPUBLIC, THE RULES THAT THE EMPIRE IS WILLING TO FOLLOW....
...KNOWN AS "COLD" WITTER
JUST SEND IN A MAN WHO EMBODIES EVERYTHING SECTION TWO, STANDS FOR, AND YOU'RE SET

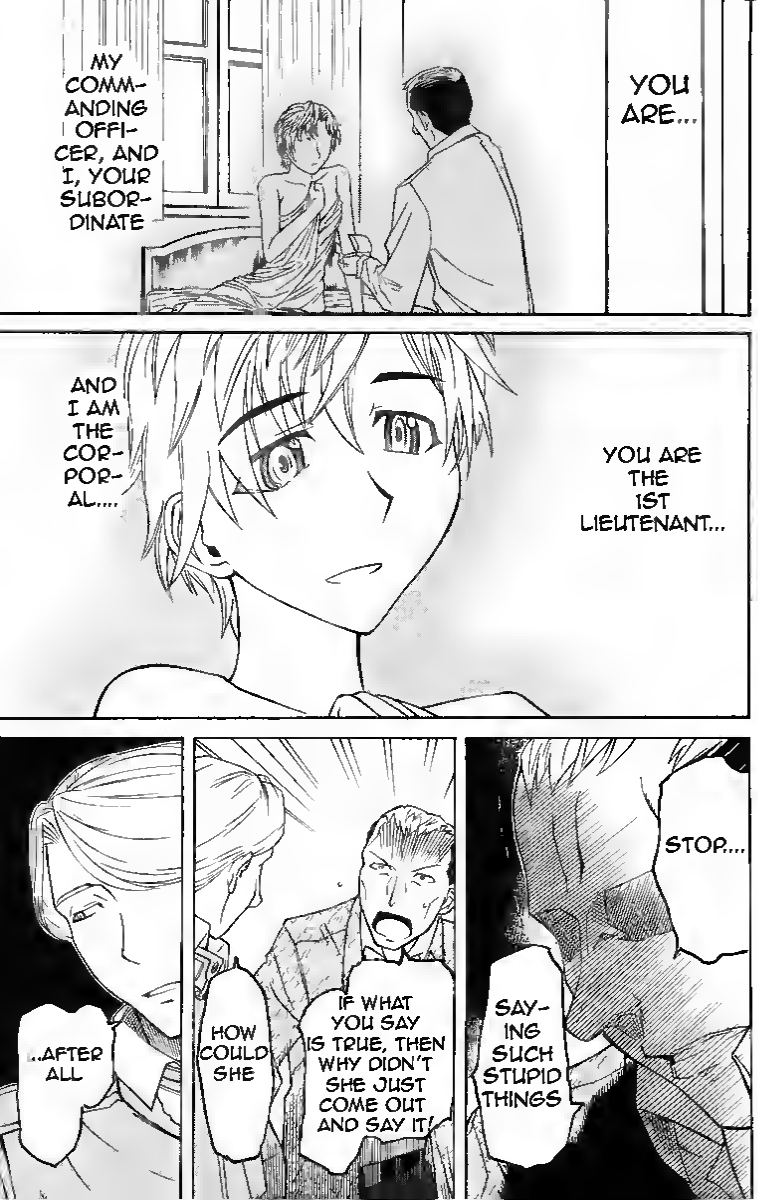
MY MISSION WAS...
TO COMPLETE AS MANY LOW-LEVEL MISSIONS AS POSSIBLE
WHILE BEING OBSERVED BY THE REPUBLIC
SO THAT THEY CAN SEE WHAT SORT OF CODES WE USE, WHAT SORT OF INFILTRATIONS WE DO, AND WHAT MISTAKES WE MAKE
AND WHEN AN IMPORTANT MISSION COMES UP
AS LONG AS WE CHANGE OUR TACTICS, EVER SO SLIGHTLY
OUR SUCCESS RATE GOES UP, EVEN BY A LITTLE
SO YOU REPORTED WHAT HAPPENED..
BETWEEN YOU AND CORPORAL FRANCIA, YOURSELF..
YES, BECAUSE THAT IS THE RULES
OUR SECTION CHIEF....
...WOULD PROBABLY HAD USED IT TO TELL THE REPUBLIC THAT THE EMPIRE'S INTELLIGENCE OPERATIVES ARE WEAK AGAINST WOMEN
BUT, I'M SURPRISED YOU FIGURED IT OUT
YOU PROBABLY DON'T KNOW, BUT WHEN YOU TELL THE TRUTH, OR WHEN YOU ARE NERVOUS, THE PITCH OF YOUR VOICE, CHANGES
YOU'RE USUALLY SO STOIC
OH, REALLY?

I LIKE FOLLOWING THE RULES, AFTER ALL
WELL, I'M REALLY NOT OUT OF CHARACTER, THAT MUCH
AND I MISTOOK THAT AFFECTION FOR SOMETHING MORE
SINCE HER FATHER DIDN'T FOLLOW THE RULES
CORPORAL FRANCIA, PROBABLY TOOK A LIKING TO THAT QUAILITY WITHIN ME
WE WERE...
JUST A "SUBORDINATE, AND A SUPERIOR OFFICER", TO THE END...
THE COLLAR... MAY I?
.....
HEY

IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN "AN OFFICER AND HIS SUBORDINATE"....
REALLY INFERIOR TO THAT OF A "MAN AND A WOMAN"?
WIFE AND HUSBAND, LOVERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS.... THERE ARE SEVERAL DIFFERENT TYPES OF LOVE
PUTTING YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE, FOR YOUR LOVER
WELL, DUH
PUTTING YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE FOR YOUR FAMILY
I'D UNDER-STAND THIS, AS WELL
PUTTING YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE FOR YOUR FRIEND
WELL... I COULD SEE THAT HAPP-ENING, I SUP-POSE

ISN'T THIS A BIT STRANGE, THOUGH?
AND SO AN OFFICER AND A SUBORDINATE, PUT THEIR LIFE ON THE LINE FOR EACH OTHER
IS NEITHER YOUR LOVER, NOR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER, NOR YOUR FRIEND
AFTER ALL, THE PERSON YOU'RE PROT-ECTING WITH YOUR LIFE...
I'D UNDERSTAND, IF THIS WAS AN ORDER... BUT THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO PUT YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE FOR SOMEONE WHO IS JUST A SUPERIOR TO YOU
AND IF YOU ARE PUTTING YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE FOR SOMEONE, SIMPLY BECAUSE YOU ARE THEIR SUBORDINATE
IF IT'S NOT A MATTER OF LOYALTY," OR ADORATION, OR RELIANCE

THAT ISN'T BURDENED BY ANYTHING ELSE
MAYBE IT'S A PURE FORM OF LOVE...
WELL, GOOD FOR YOU
"WE'RE JUST A SUBO-RDINATE AND AN OFF-ICER"?
BE-CAU-SE YOU ARE AN OFF-ICER AND A SUB-ORDI-NATE
I THINK THAT THERE ARE PLACES THAT CAN ONLY BE REACHED .....


MY COMMANDING OFFICER, AND I, YOUR SUBORDINATE
YOU ARE...
AND I AM THE CORPORAL....
YOU ARE THE 1ST LIEUTENANT...
..AFTER ALL
HOW COULD SHE
IF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE, THEN WHY DIDN'T SHE JUST COME OUT AND SAY IT!
SAYING SUCH STUPID THINGS
STOP....

THEN YOU WOULD COME TO THINK THAT SHE LOVES YOU, ONLY BECAUSE OF HOW YOU ARE THE "COLD" WITTER, WHO STRICTLY FOLLOWS ORDERS
IF SHE TOLD YOU THAT SHE LOVED YOU, BECAUSE YOU WERE HER SUPERIOR OFFICER
YOU INVESTIGATED HER PAST RIGHT?
THE SAME 1ST LT. WITTER WITH WHOM SHE HAD BEEN COMPLETING MISSIONS, WITH?
MAYBE SHE LIKED THE FAKE YOU, WHO PRETENDED TO BE THE COLD WITTER....
IT WAS IMPORTANT TO HER, SO SHE KNEW SHE NEEDED TO CONVEY HER FEELINGS WITHOUT BEING MISUNDERSTOOD
AND HAVE THE RING ACT AS A PLACEHOLDER FOR WHEN HER FEELINGS WERE ACCURATELY CONVEYED
BUT SHE COULDN'T ACCEPT THE RING FROM A SERIOUS PROPOSAL LIKE THAT...
YOU WOULD PROBABLY MISUNDERSTAND HER
IF SHE TOLD YOU THE REASON WHY SHE LIKED YOU

WELL...
I'M SURE THAT ONLY YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT THE TRUTH BEHIND IT ALL
BUT FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, 1ST LT. WITTER....

I THINK YOU'VE ALREADY
GOTTEN A HOLD OF CORPORAL FRANCIA'S LOVE, A LONG TIME AGO

PANT
PANT
PANT
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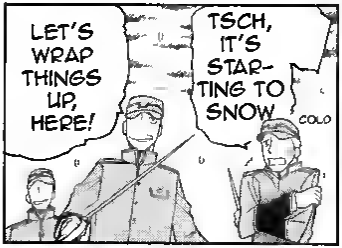
PANT

SO, NOW WHAT?
WILL YOU FALL OFF THE TRAIN?
OR WILL WE STAB YOU?
WITH MY BLOOD LOSS AND FEVER...
I'M LOSING CONSCIOUSNESS
THE TRAIN IS GETTING ON THE RAMP.....!!
WE'RE MOVING OUT OF THE CITY...!!

I'VE NEVER ACTIVATED THE LAMP, TWICE, IN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME...
CAN I... RETURN TO NORMAL, IF I DO THIS!?
AND ALSO ....
IF I KILL THEM ....
THE NUMBER OF HANDS...
THAT COME OUT IN MY DREAMS, WILL INCREASE
IF IT KEEPS INCREASING...
WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME...?
THAT'S RIGHT... I'M ALREADY AT MY LIMIT....
THAT'S WHY .....

STARTING TO OVER-FLOW, INTO REALITY, RIGHT...!?
THE-SE HA-NDS, ARE ....

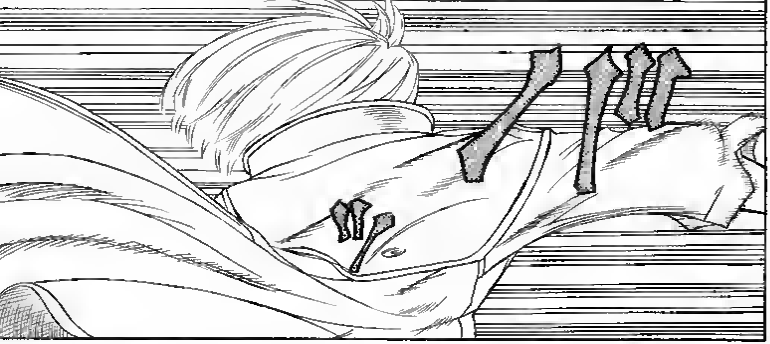

LET'S WRAP THINGS UP, HERE!
TSCH, IT'S STAR-TING TO SNOW
COLD

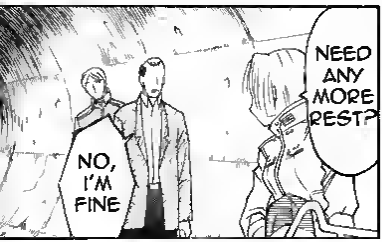
!

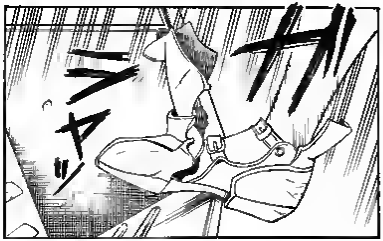
I MADE A PRO-MISE, ON A SNOWY DAY, LIKE THIS...
AH, RIGHT ....

I DON'T CARE IF I KEEP SEEING THESE NIGHT-MARES...
IF ALL I'M GOOD AT, IS KILLING, THEN I'M FINE WITH THAT....
HUH?
I DON'T CARE
I DON'T CARE
IF YOU COME AFTER ME...

SO...
COME AND JOIN ME, IN MY DRE-AMS ....!!
WHY DON'T ALL OF YOU GUYS .....




NEED ANY MORE REST?
NO, I'M FINE



WERE YOU TWO TALKING ABOUT FLOWERS?
MAYBE I WAS DREAMING, BUT....

UNDERSTOOD
.....
LET'S HURRY!
THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME, UNTIL THE EXCHANGE

WE WILL ELIMINATE...
THE DAMAGE IN THIS TOWN, THAT WAS CAUSED BY THE WAR!!
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HURRY UP, GET ON!
HEY!
GOOD WORK
THIS IS ALL OF THEM
BUT WE'VE STILL GOT SOME TIME LEFT...
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HUH... WAIT
IT LOOKS LIKE WE SHOULD SPEED UP THE TIME-TABLE A BIT...
AND THE ARMORED CAR, HASN'T COME BACK...
CAN-NON FIRE OUT-SIDE THE CITY

WE SHOULD INFORM THE CAPTAIN!
HE DOESN'T LIKE IT WHEN THINGS MOVE FORWARD WITHOUT HIS KNOW-LEDGE
WE DON'T HAVE TIME
HE WILL PROBABLY BE AGAINST THIS.... AND IF HE FOUND OUT, HE WOULD TRY AND INTERFERE...
..AFTER ALL, HE IS IN LOVE WITH THE IDEA OF HOW HE HAS THE POWER TO INTERFERE WITH OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES.... HOW CHILDISH....
HUH...
I BELIEVE THAT YOU GUYS ARE THE TRUE HOLDERS OF POWER IN THIS CITY
WELL, YOU'RE PROBABLY JUST HONORING HIS BLOOD LINE...
I'M NOT GOING TO...
BRIBE YOU WITH SUCH A SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY
BUT THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO BUY YOUR LOYALTY AWAY FROM HARVEY...
IS IT ENOUGH?

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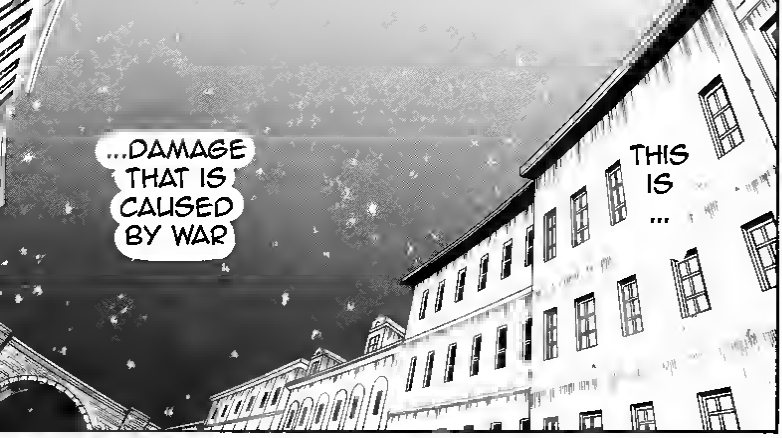
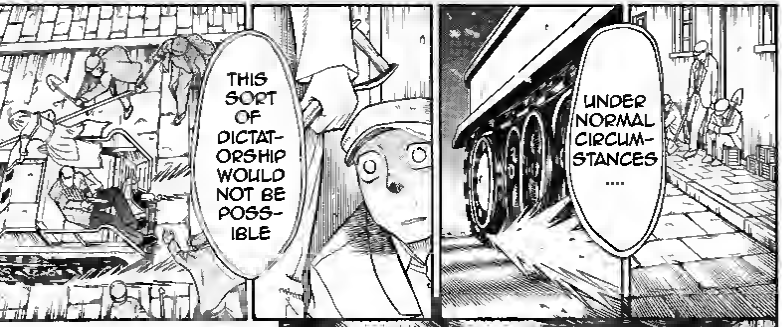
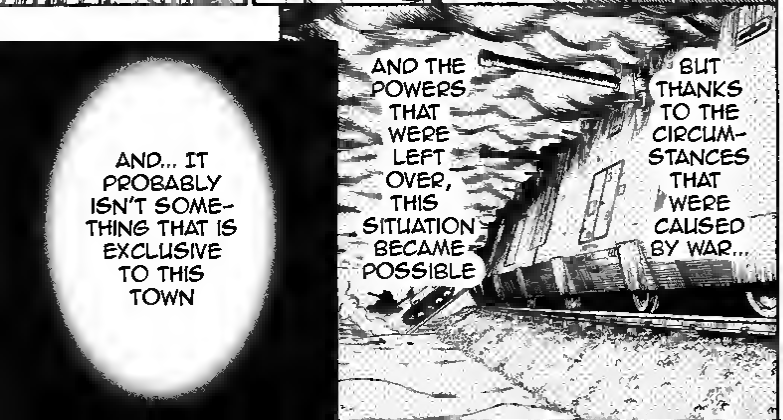
CHAPTER 32　THOSE THAT INFLICT THE FINISHING BLOW

UNDER NORMAL CIRCUM-STANCES, THE PUBLIC WOULD BE IN OUT-RAGE
THE PEOPLE WILL NOT FOLLOW HIM....
EVEN IF PEOPLE LIKE THAT BECOME A LEADER
THIS CITY HAS....
THERE HASN'T BEEN A SINGLE COMPLAINT ....WHY NOT?
BUT IN THE PAST 3 YEARS ....

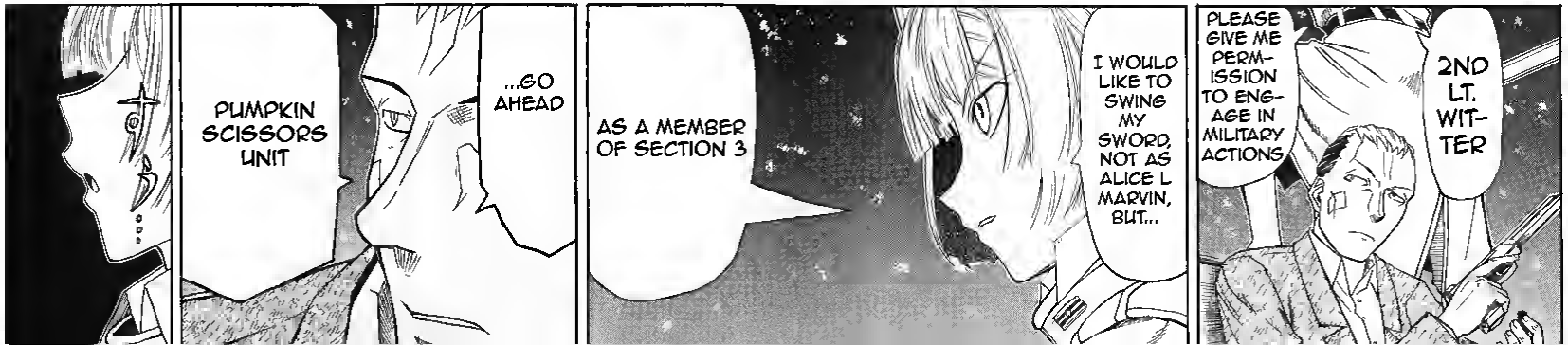
IT WAS A MAGI-CAL THRONE, THAT ALLOWED ANYONE TO BECOME KING, IF THEY SAT THERE...
....A THRONE THAT SAT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CITY
STOLE THAT THRONE
AND HARVEY...
...COULD NOT FIGURE OUT THAT THE ARMORED TRAIN AND HARVEY WERE CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER
THE PEOPLE IN THIS CITY...
YES ....
THE MEMO-RIES OF THESE PAST EVENTS .....
THANKS TO THE MULTIPLE INVASIONS AND TYRANN-OUS RULERS ....


...DAMAGE THAT IS CAUSED BY WAR
THIS IS ...


THIS SORT OF DICTAT-ORSHIP WOULD NOT BE POSS-IBLE
UNDER NORMAL CIRCUM-STANCES ....


AND... IT PROBABLY ISN'T SOME-THING THAT IS EXCLUSIVE TO THIS TOWN
AND THE POWERS THAT WERE LEFT OVER, THIS SITUATION BECAME POSSIBLE
BUT THANKS TO THE CIRCUM-STANCES THAT WERE CAUSED BY WAR...

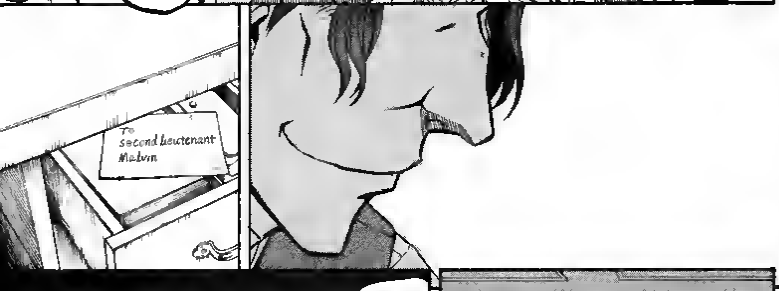
....THAT IS CAUSED BY THE DAMAGES LEFT OVER FROM THIS WAR....
THIS IS PROBABLY JUST ONE OF THE MANY INCIDENTS IN THIS COUNTRY....


...
PUMPKIN SCISSORS UNIT
...GO AHEAD
AS A MEMBER OF SECTION 3
I WOULD LIKE TO SWING MY SWORD, NOT AS ALICE L MARVIN, BUT...
PLEASE GIVE ME PERM-ISSION TO ENG-AGE IN MILITARY ACTIONS
2ND LT. WIT-TER

LISTEN HERE!!
ALL BORDER PATROL UNITS, UNDER HARVEY'S COMMAND!!
FROM HERE-ON OUT, I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU AS AN ARTIFICIAL CAUSE OF WAR DAMAGE
AND DISPEL YOU FROM THIS LAND!!
WH... AT?
HUH... WHY..
I THO-UGHT THE BORDER PATROL UNIT WAS...
...MORE SUPER-IOR THAN THE MILI-TARY... HUH?

THEY-
IS COM-
ING
WH-
ERE ARE
THE
GUNS
?
IF WE DO THAT, THEN ALL THAT WILL DO IS MAKE THEM THINK THAT A STRONGER FORCE THAN THE BORDER PATROL GAURDS, HAVE ARRIVED...
MAYBE WE SHOULD'VE LAUNCHED A SURPRISE ATTACK, INSTEAD OF ANNOUNCING OURSELVES ....

TO SHOW THEM THAT EVERYONE IS ACCOUN-TABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS
FOR IT'S RULERS, TO PAY...
?
WHAT THIS CITY REALLY NEEDS, IS...


To second lieutenant Melvin

BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT AFRAID OF YOU
HMM, I WON-DER WHY THEY CAME BACK HERE?

...DID YOU
SAY SOMETHING, JUST NOW?
I SAID THAT THERE IS NO ONE IN THIS CITY...
THAT IS AFRAID OF YOU
IF THERE IS...
THEN IT WOULD PROBABLY BE ME...
"MILE, THE TIMID"
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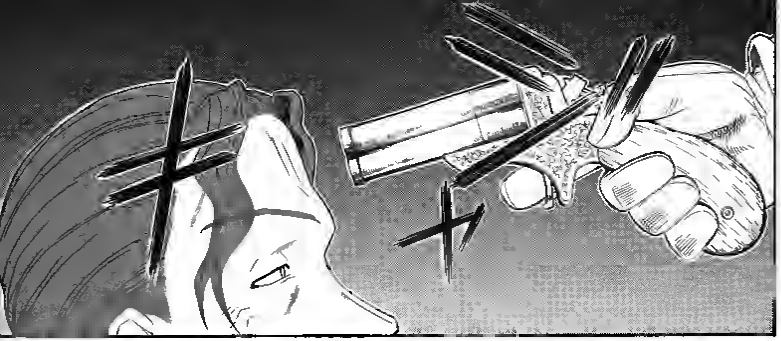

DO YOU WANT TO DIE!?
IF YOU'RE TIMID, THEN ACT LIKE A TIMID PERSON!!

I AM ALR-EADY DEAD...
MY EXEC-UTION IS GAUR-UNTEED
ALTH-OUGH THOSE LIEU-TENANTS OUTSIDE DON'T KNOW IT YET, BUT...

SMALL ARMS!?
HUH!?
ORELDO! SECURE THE COMMU-NICATIONS ROOM! SPLIT UP!!
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ALTHOUGH THEY PROBABLY WEREN'T INFORMED, BUT...
EVERYONE, GO AFTER HER, TOGETHER!!

CAPTAIN HANKS, PROMISED ME....
HE PROMISED ME, THAT HE WILL DO EVERY-THING IN HIS POWER
EVEN THOUGH THE ENTIRE CITY WOULD NORMALLY BE CHARGED WITH HUMAN TRAFFICKING...
SO THAT I, ALONE, AS THE MAYOR OF THIS CITY, WILL BE THE ONLY ONE TO PAY...
AT THE END OF IT ALL...
I AM ABLE TO FULFILL MY DUTIES AS A MAYOR
I AM TRULY THANK-FUL FOR THIS
YOU'RE NOT AFRAID TO DIE BEC-AUSE YOU'LL GET THE DEATH PEN-ALTY?
SHALL I TOR-TURE YOU TO DEATH, WITH THE "HANG-ING BELL" METHOD!?
I WO-ULD WEL-COME IT

FOR ME TO TRULY PAY FOR THE CRIMES THAT BOTH I, AND THE PAST LORD OF THIS HOUSE, HAS COM-MITED....
THE EXECUTION METHODS OF THE EMPIRE, WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH...
AND THE CRIME OF NOT INHER-ETING THE WILL OF THE LAST LORD OF THIS HOUSE...
THE CRIME OF NOT BEING ABLE TO TEACH YOU WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A NOBLE...
!

THE INTELLI-GENCE BUREAU, IS REALLY FULL OF GREAT INFO....
ARE YOU IN PAIN? APPARENTLY THERE ARE SOME PLACES THAT YOU CAN GET SHOT IN, THAT DOESN'T RESULT IN A QUICK DEATH
UGH..
ARGH ...
THE RULER OF THIS CITY, IS....
I TOLD YOU BEFORE, DIDN'T I, MR. MAYOR
BUILD... A PARK?
CAN YOU...
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DO YOU KNOW HOW TO LOOK AT EXPENSE REPORTS... DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT THE POPULATION OF THIS CITY, IS?
DO YOU... KNOW HOW TO ORDER A CONSTRUCTION? WHICH PAPERS TO FILL OUT...?
COUGH

AND IF YOU HAD INHERITED YOUR FATHERS TITLE, AND PERFORMED YOUR DUTY, YOU WOULD PROBABLY HAVE THE RESPECT OF THIS CITY'S INHABITANTS!
YOU TALK OF BEING THE RULER OF THIS CITY...
YOU KNOW NOTHING, YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING, YOU DON'T MAKE THE EFFORT TO LEARN
THAT YOU HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO TAKE POWER, FROM OTHER PEOPLE!!
BUT, IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT YOU WERE UNABLE TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING YOURSELF...
...IMITATE THE COMM-ANDER, WITH THAT PIPE?
PANT
PA-NT
ARE YOU TRY-ING TO...
YOU'RE JUST AN IMITATOR... I WONDER WHERE THE REAL HARVEY, IS?
IT'S JUST AS THE LIEUT-ENANT, SAID...

AH...
UGH ....
GAAA AHHH!!

I AM THE RULER OF THIS CITY!!
I AM!
I AM!
I AM!
I AM!
CALL THE ARMORED TRAIN, BACK!!
WHERE IS THE COMM-UNICA-TIONS CAR!!
THE ARM-ORED TRAIN!!
WHAT IS THE... ARMORED TRAIN, DOING!!
AS LONG AS I HAVE THE ARMORED TRAIN....

HEH
A BLUE... LAN-TERN?
NO NEED TO GET SCARED, NOTHING'S CHANGED..
SN-AP

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AH?
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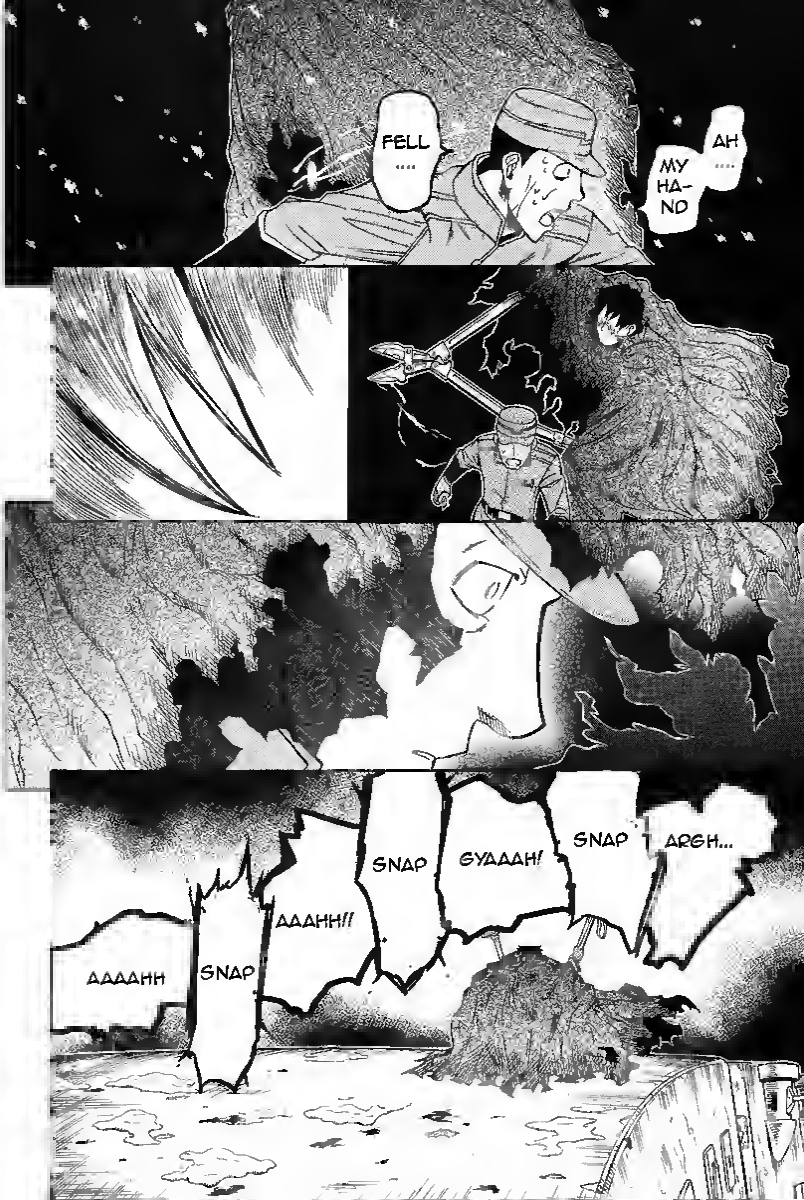
FELL
....
AH
....
MY HA-ND
SNAP
GYAAAH!
SNAP
ARGH...
AAAAHH//
AAAAHH
SNAP

SNAP
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WE ORDER YOU TO "STOP"!
WE ARE THE BORDER PATROL UNIT!
... WE
"STOP"!
DID YOU NOT HEAR MY ORDER!?
DID
HEY, GUYS, STOP STANDING THERE, HELP!
WE NEED TO "CONTROL" HIM!!
WE'VE BEEN DOING, ALL ALONG, UP UNTIL NOW!
JUST LIKE HOW ....
SNAP
AH
GYAAHHH!!
UGH ...

SCR-APE
STAB
WAAAHH
AAAAH!!
AH ....

AH!!
IDIO.... DON'T BACK INTO ME...

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UGH
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AH
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LET GO

LET GO OF ME
LET GO
YOU ...
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DRAGGING ME DOWN ALONG WITH YOU!!
YOU'RE...
AH ...

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A GUN ....
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UGH
WITH A GUN!!
I'LL SHOOT HIM DOWN...
WAIT AND SEE....
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JUST WAIT AND SEE .....
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HEY, CLOSE THE DOOR, THE RAIN'S COMING IN
OKAY, SO THIS COVERS MY LAST LOSS, RIGHT!
STOP PLAYING AROUND!!
GIVE ME A GUN
HURRY!!
OH? SO HUNTING THE SOLDIER, ISN'T GOING SO WELL?
A GUN!!
HURRY!!
GO GET HIM A GUN
SIGH
HURRY...

DAMN, SO BOTHER-SOME...
WH ...

WERE WE... REALLY THIS WEAK ...?
BOTH THE ARMORED TRAIN .....
AND THE BORDER PATROL UNIT!!
ABOVE US!?
IS IT THAT SOLDIER!?
DON'T GROUP TOGETHER!
MOVE OUT ONTO THE WALLS!
.... HEY ....
"IT'S DANGEROUS, SO..
WE SHOULD MOVE TO THE WALLS"

...WHAT IF HE'S THINKING...
THE SAME THING AS US?
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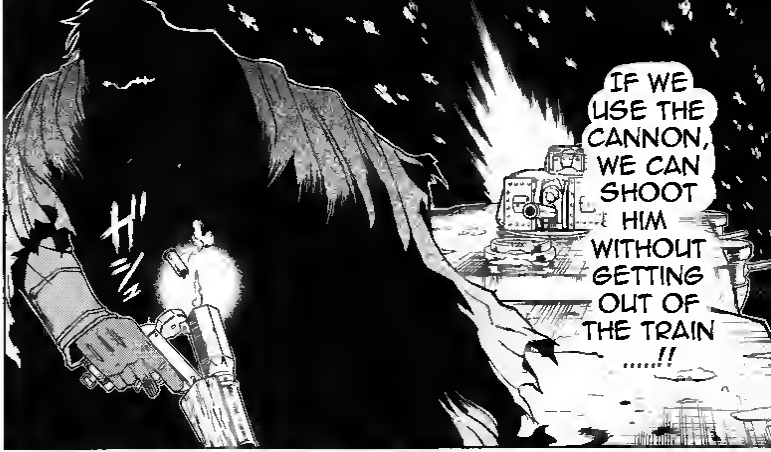
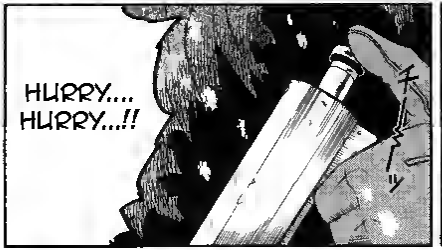
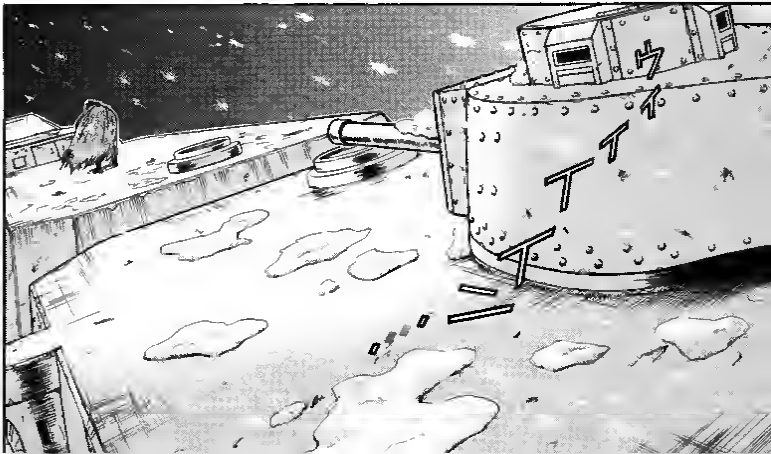
D...
DAMN IT, STOP GETTING SO FULL OF YOUR-SELF!!
IDIO ....

DON'T SHOOT
GY-AH
ARGH
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DO-ING!
I'M GETTING OFF!! IF I LAND WELL ENOUGH, THEN...
....SO.... WHAT IF THE GUY UP TOP, IS AIMING FOR THE DOOR-WAY?
.....
LET'S USE THE CAN-NON

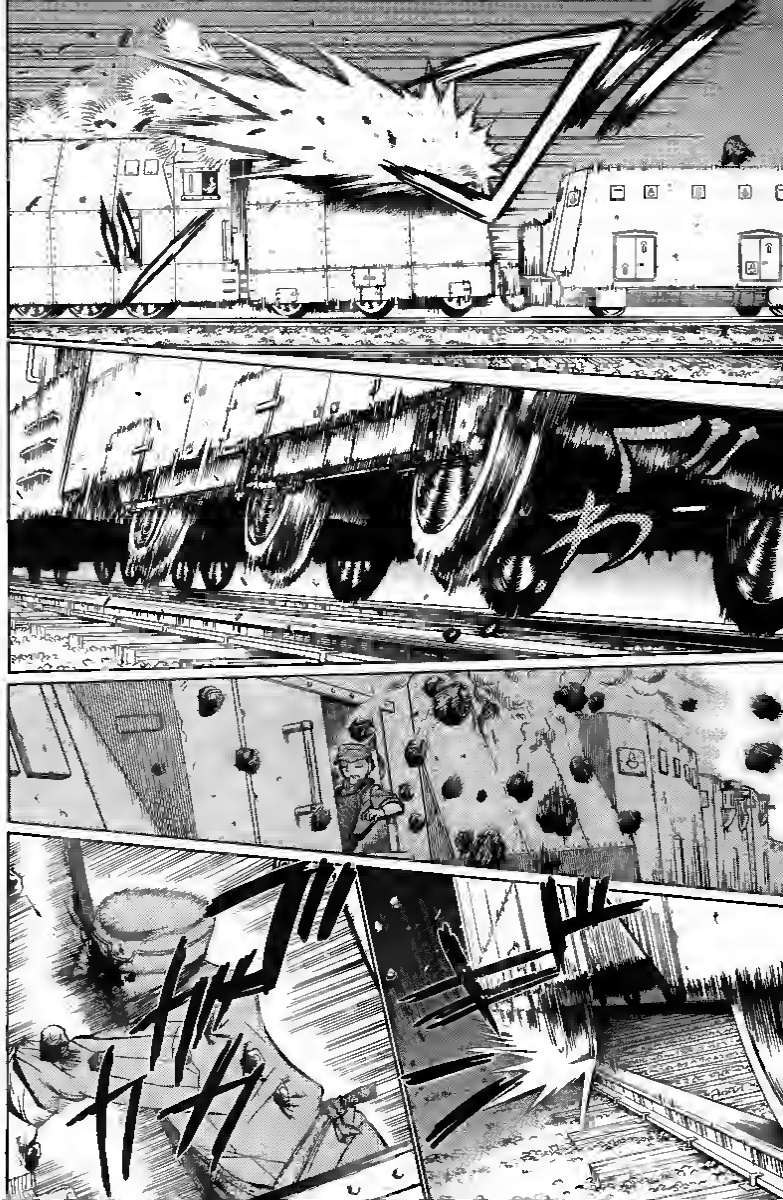

IF WE USE THE CANNON, WE CAN SHOOT HIM WITHOUT GETTING OUT OF THE TRAIN .....!!


HURRY.... HURRY...!!

HEY... HURRY UP



AL-MOST THERE...
AL-MOST...
DAMN IT
HE'S TOO CLOSE, I CAN'T GET A CLEAR TARGET...
HE NOT-ICED ME!
I'M FIR-ING!
WAIT THE TARGET SOLU-TION IS STILL...



...I TOLD YOU TO WAIT...
THE HELL ARE YOU DOING...
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME! HEY!
IT'S A VERY COM-MON....
"STO-RY"....
IF YOU EVER FIND A FLO-ATING BALL OF LIGHT, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FOREST...
YOU SHOULD NEVER GO NEAR IT....

IT WILL TAKE OVER YOUR BODY, AND...
FORCE YOUR OWN LEGS .....
TO MOVE INTO A BOTT-OMLESS PIT. TO PULL YOU N....
AND THE NAME OF THAT LIGHT, IS....
THE WILL O' WISP....
死沼へ誘う
鬼火
.....!!
*A WILL O' WISP THAT DRAGS YOU INTO THE PIT OF DEATH...!!

JUST FIRE!!
WHO CARES ABOUT THE TARGET SOLU-TION!!
!
OR HE'LL KILL US ALL!!
HURRY UP!!
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING, HURRY IT UP!!
HEY!
HEY STOP THAT!
HURRY AND LOAD THE NEXT BULLET!!
JUST LOOK AT THIS HAND!!
EVERYONE ABOVE, WAS KILLED!!

END UP LIKE THIS, IF WE DON'T STOP HIM!!!
ALL OF US WILL...
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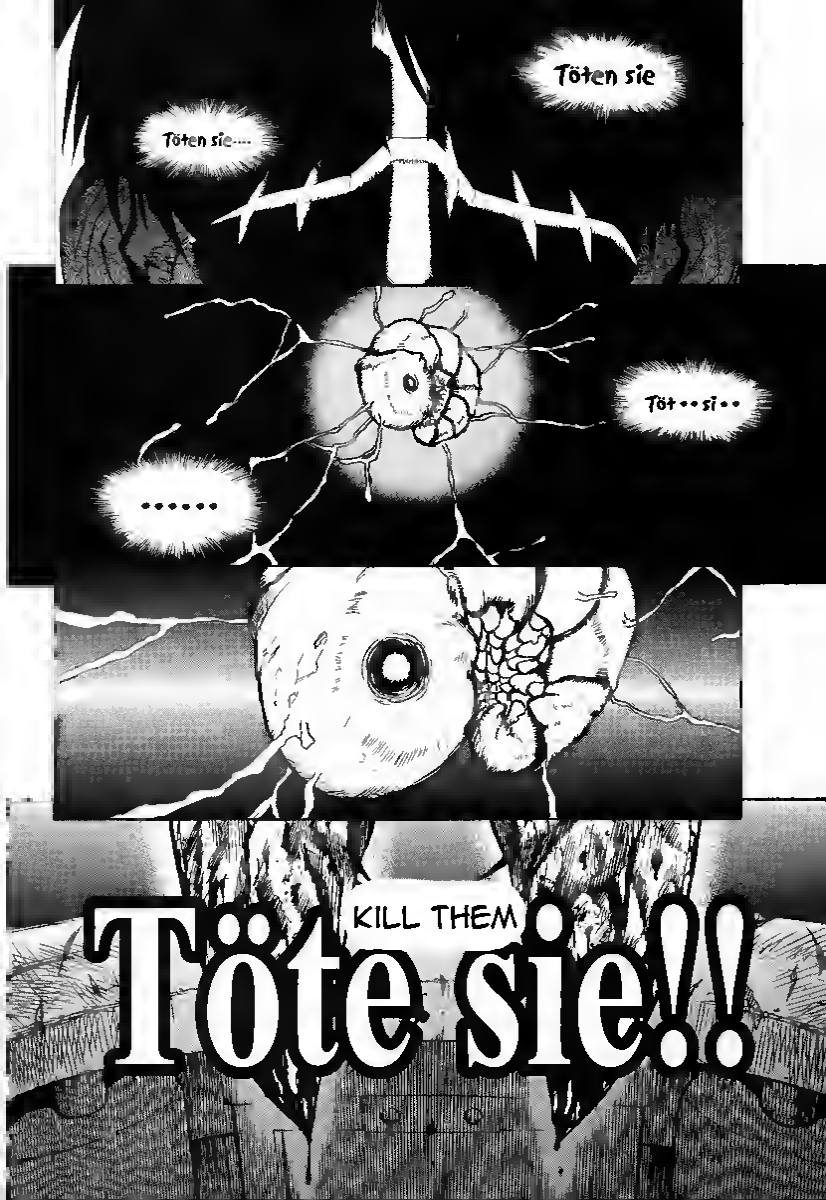
Töten sie....
Töten sie
KILL THEM
Töten sie
KILL THEM
Töten sie

I'VE KILLED 3.... PEOPLE
TWO WOMEN, FOR TARGET PRACTICE
AND ONE, WITH THE "HANGING BELLS" TORTURE METHOD
EVERYONE ELSE HAS.
PROBABLY DONE SIMILAR THINGS .....
HE HE HE.
BUT....
BUT, EVEN SO...

I HAVEN'T...
KILLED AS MANY PEOPLE AS YOU HAVE....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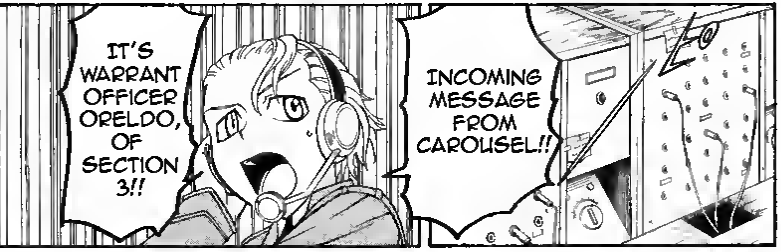
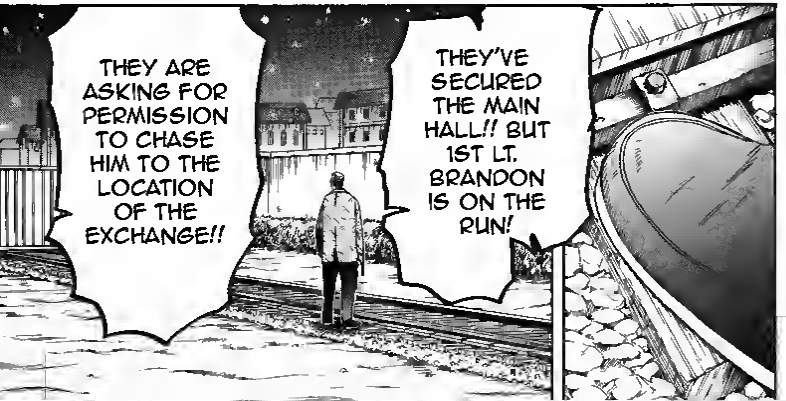
KILL THEM
Töte sie!!


IT'S WARRANT OFFICER ORELDO, OF SECTION 3!!
INCOMING MESSAGE FROM CAROUSEL!!


THEY ARE ASKING FOR PERMISSION TO CHASE HIM TO THE LOCATION OF THE EXCHANGE!!
THEY'VE SECURED THE MAIN HALL!! BUT 1ST LT. BRANDON IS ON THE RUN!

TO THE EXCH-ANGE LOC-ATION..
ARE YOU GONNA ALLOW THEM TO GO?
DE-MILITER-IZED ZONE...!!
INTO THE...

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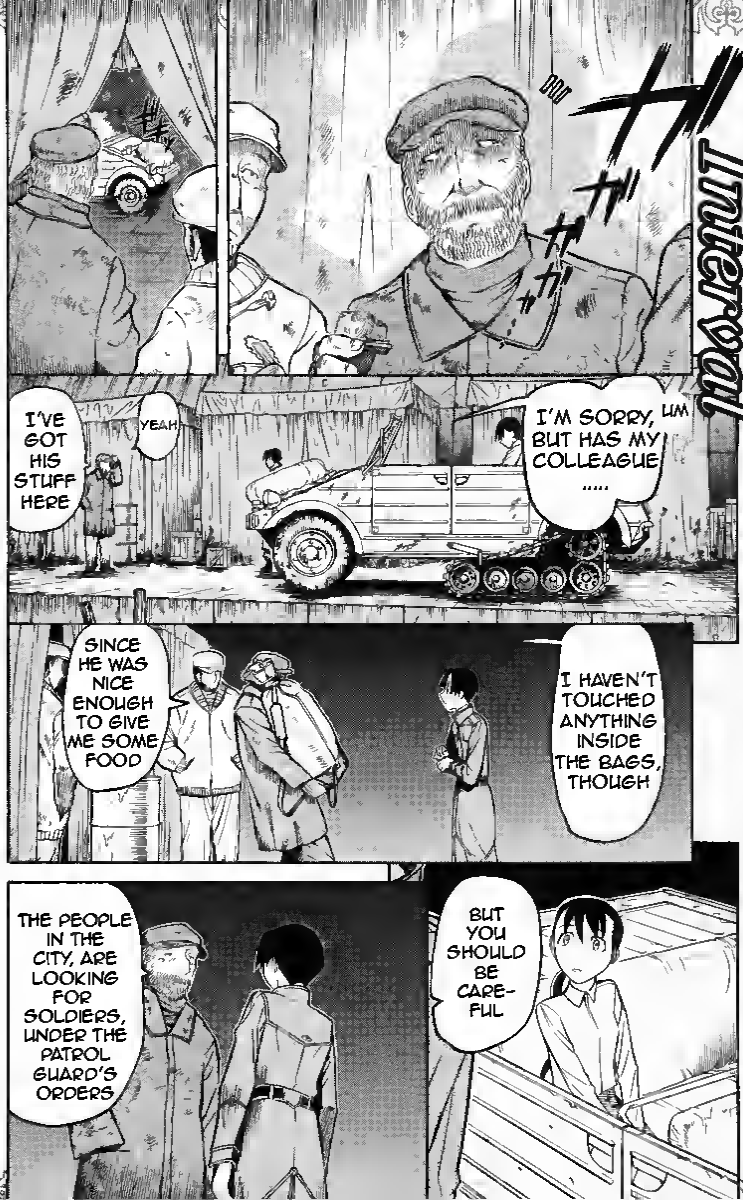
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I'M SORRY, UM BUT HAS MY COLLEAGUE .....
YEAH
I'VE GOT HIS STUFF HERE
I HAVEN'T TOUCHED ANYTHING INSIDE THE BAGS, THOUGH
SINCE HE WAS NICE ENOUGH TO GIVE ME SOME FOOD
BUT YOU SHOULD BE CARE-FUL
THE PEOPLE IN THE CITY, ARE LOOKING FOR SOLDIERS, UNDER THE PATROL GUARD'S ORDERS

...UH, YOU GUYS AREN'T ...
FOLLOWING THEIR ORDERS?
OF COURSE WE WILL
WHETHER IT BE THE GUARDS, OR THE DOGS, WE WILL FOLLOW THEIR RULES, IN ORDER TO SURVIVE...
BUT WE WON'T FOLLOW ANY UNNECESSARY ORDERS, UNLESS WE HAVE TO....
I SEE...
THESE GUYS, STAND... JUST HALF A STEP OUTSIDE ...
THE RULES OF THE CITY OF CAROUSEL...
RIGHT... THEY DON'T LIVE IN A SYSTEM THAT IS ABSOLUTE!!
IF SO, THEN MAYBE THE MAYOR CAN ALSO...
HIS MEMENTO'S?
WAIT, SO THE MAYOR IS....

BUT UNTIL THEN, KEEP IT QUIET FROM ALICE AND THE OTHERS
OTHER-WISE IT MIGHT HINDER THEM
SO ONCE ALL OF THIS IS TAKEN CARE OF, SEND IT TO THE CITY
...AND THAT'S HOW IT IS
THEY JUST NEED A REASON, AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW .....
IT'S NOT AS IF THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY CANNOT STAND UP AGAINST THEIR TYRANTS!!
AH UMM...
I'VE BEEN ANGRY, THIS ENTIRE TIME...
I'M .... AN-GRY ....
BUT NOW.. I....
I....
CAN YOU PLEASE TAKE ME WITH YOU!!
...CAN ....
YOU SAID THAT THE LT. AND THE OTHERS ARE BEING CHASED AROUND TOWN, RIGHT...

THAT'S WHY I WANT EVERYONE IN THIS TOWN, TO....
HEAR WHAT I HAVE TO SAY....!!
IT'S JUST A HUNCH, BUT.... THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT!!
THIS TOWN...
IS NEAR-ING...
A CROSS-ROADS, RIGHT NOW!!
NEXT!

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"THE DE-MILIT-ARIZED ZONE"..!!
EXISTING AS A GAP IN BETWEEN THE BORDERS OF THE TWO NATIONS, TO PREVENT ANY ACCID-ENTAL INTRUSIONS
IF YOU SEND TROOPS INTO IT...
IT WILL BE A VIOL-ATION OF THE TREATY
.....
HAHAHA!!
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE HAVING AN INTERE-STING DISCU-SSION?

THE WARDEN OF A PRISON WHO ENACTED THE RULES THROUGH BLOOD AND FEAR
IS NOW GOING TO BREAK THE RULES OF THE TREATY!!
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QUITE INTERE-STING, NO?
FORMER... MILITARY POLICE SPECIALIST

...WHO IS THAT?
I.. I KNOW WHO SHE IS!
...I'M TALKING ABOUT...
HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU WORKED HERE!? AND YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT?
OVER
IT'S MAJOR LINEBERKA, THE HEAD OF SECTION 2!
OVER
WE HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE...
IT'S IN ORDER TO GO AFTER THE MASTER-MIND OF A HUMAN TRAFFI-CKING OPER-ATION
WHO THE "FORMER MILITARY POLICE SPECIA-LIST" IS...
I HEARD IT ALL, QUITE CLEAR-LY...
IN OTHER WORDS, SECTION 2 IS TO BLAME!!
SO IT'S ALL THE FAULT OF THAT BRAN-DON, HUH
I SEE, I SEE!

IT IS TRUE. THIS IS 1ST LT. BRANDON'S VOICE!
I DON'T NEED TO HEAR THE ORIGINAL
SINCE THIS WAS A REPLICA OF THE ORIGINAL, THE SOUND QUALITY WAS BAD BUT...
ONE OF YOUR SUBORDINATES IS A TRAITOR
YOU'RE AWFULLY CALM
HE ISN'T SWAYED BY THE DUTIES OF OTHERS
AND DOES WHAT IS IN HIS OWN BEST INTERESTS
NO, THIS IS PROOF THAT HE IS A VERY SKILLED INTELLIGENCE OFFICER!!
A TRAITOR?

HIS ABILITY TO WANT TO SURVIVE, AND HIS RESOURCEFULNESS IS TRULY AMAZING!!
AND DECIDED TO PLAN A DEFECTION TO THE OTHER SIDE
HE MADE A DETERMINATION THAT THE EMPIRE IS A SINKING SHIP
IF HE EVER CHANGES HIS MIND...
SLY AND HARD-HANDED PEOPLE LIKE THAT ARE PERFECT FOR SECTION 2!!
COME BACK TO SECTION 2, AS AN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER....
AND DECIDES, TO....
...WELL, HONESTLY...
WOULDN'T THAT PUT YOU IN A POSITION OF DANGER?
I WOULD GLADLY REINSTATE HIM!

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THIS IS WHAT I ENJOY ABOUT THIS JOB!!
HOW WONDERFUL IT IS TO HAVE TO THINK OF A WAY TO COUNTER THOSE ATTEMPTS...
IT TRULY MAKES MY HEART POUND WITH ANTICIPATION!!
WHEN YOU MAKE A MISTAKE, PEOPLE AROUND YOU TRY TO USE IT AGAINST YOU AND TAKE YOUR POWER AWAY FROM YOU!
THIS IS HOW THE CHIEF OF SECTION 2 OPERATES...
SO AS LONG AS THE PERSON IS SKILLLED, IT MATTERS NOT, WHAT KIND OF PERSON THEY ARE....
HOW-EVER...

IF YOU ARE GOING TO ACCUSE ME OF NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF CORPORAL FRANCIA'S DEATH....
I SHALL ADMIT THAT THIS WAS A MISTAKE ON MY PART
.....
THAT ISN'T WHY I ASKED YOU TO COME HERE
I'D LIKE YOU TO DO SOMETHING FOR ME, MAJOR
..AND BESIDES, HER DEATH...
...ISN'T SOMETHING WE SHOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT...
WARRANT OFFICER ORELDO
DID YOU MAKE CONTACT!?

AND ALSO ....
WE GOT PERMI-SSION TO GO AFTER HIM
YE-AH
BLES-SING FOR ME TO GO AFTER HIM!?
THE SECTION 2 CHIEF ALSO GAVE HER
RIGHT, SO NOW WE CAN GO AFTER THEM TOGE-THER
YUP
I'LL GO CALL 2ND LT. MARVIN
UNDERSTOOD, TAKE THE BIKE DOWN-STAIRS, WARRANT OFFICER ORELDO

WE NEED TO GO AFTER THEM, IMMED-IATELY...
THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME, UNTIL THE EXCHANGE...
2ND LT. MARVIN!!

IS IT THE GUARD CAPTAIN'S GUN?
AN ORNATE GUN ....
!
SO I GUESS THE GUARD CAPTAIN, DID THIS
YEAH ... LOOKS LIKE WE JUST MISSED HIM
HE HASN'T GONE... TOO FAR, YET
WE CAN CATCH UP TO HIM

IS THAT A WILL FROM THE MAYOR?
...? IS SOME-THING WRONG .....?
... YEAH
IT SAYS THAT HE WAS THE LEADER OF THE TRAFFI-CKING GROUP
THAT THE DISCUSSION OVER THE COMMS LINE WAS ALL TRUE
AND THAT HE TAKES RESPON-SIBILITY FOR ALL THE CRIMES
AND...
HE COULDN'T WAIT FOR HIS EXECUTION, AND TOOK HIS OWN LIFE...
IT'S AN APOLOGY LETTER

SO HE FULFILLED HIS DUTIES AS A MAYOR...
WHAT POSS-IBLE GOOD...
CAN COME OUT FROM KILLING HIMSELF!?
...EVEN IF HE WERE SENTENCED TO BE EXECUTED
HE SHOULD FULFILL HIS DUTIES AS A MAYOR, UNTIL THAT DAY CAME...!
THIS MAN, WAS...
UTTERLY INEPT, AS A MAYOR
HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS ABLE TO STOP HARVEY
HE SHOULD'VE USED HIS POWER AS THE MAYOR AND MADE AN EFFORT TO GET RID OF HIM...
AS LONG AS HE HADN'T GIVEN UP...
MAYBE THE CITIZENS OF THIS CITY WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO STAND UP AGAINST HARVEY...!!

...THAT'S HARSH
THE MAYOR WAS ONLY HUMAN, AFTER ALL
MAYBE HE HAD PERSONAL REASONS NOT TO GO AGAINST HARVEY?
THAT'S SELFISH FOR HIM TO USE HIS PERSONAL FEELINGS LIKE THAT
ROYALTY..
NOBLEMEN, LAND LORDS
MAYORS..
THOSE IN POSITIONS OF POWER AND AUTHORITY, SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO FOLLOW THEIR OWN PERSONAL FEELINGS
IF IT'S A CHOICE BETWEEN YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR CITIZENS,
YOU CHOOSE YOUR CITIZENS...
THAT'S WHY WE GET PAID WITH THE TAXES TAKEN BY THE PUBLIC AND GET MORE FOOD THAN THE PUBLIC...
I SEE...
SO THIS GIRL ....

DOE-SN'T EVEN REALIZE THAT SHE IS SADD-ENED BY THIS....
THE MAYOR, WHO SPEND THE LAST 3 YEARS HOLDING IT BACK...
BECAUSE SHE WANTS TO ACKNO-WLEDGE..
THEN SHE CAN SEE THE MAYOR AS SOME-ONE WHO HAD HIS RESPON-SIBILITIES, THRUST UPON HIM...
AS LONG AS SHE PAINTS HIM AS AN UNFOR-TUNATE MAN...
TO THE POINT THAT SHE CAN'T EVEN FEEL SORRY, OR PITY...
ALICE L MARVIN, IS REJECTING HER OWN FEELINGS

I HAD A TALK WITH ORELDO
WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING . . . .
THE WARRANT OFFICER, WAS QUITE KNOWLEDGABLE ABOUT FLOWERS
IT WAS ABOUT THE FLOWER ON THE COLLAR...
SO WHAT IF YOU'RE RIGHT!
WELL HE'S ALWAYS SENDING FLOWERS TO WOMEN, SO
HAD... LOVED ME....
EVEN IF CORPORAL FRANCIA...

ALREADY DEAD...
SHE IS...
OVER, BETWEEN US...
IT'S ALL...
I WASN'T ABLE TO... RECIPROCATE MY FEELINGS TO HER....
...IT'S IRO-NIC ....
ARE THERE INSTANCES WHERE YOU HAVE TO SEDUCE WOMEN IN ORDER TO GAIN INFO-
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WITHIN THE INTELLIGENCE BUREAU'S MISSIONS...

SINCE YOU'RE EARNEST, I'M SURE YOU STUDIED THE FLOWERS RIGHT
IT WAS DETERMINED THAT IT WASN'T GOOD AT IT SO...
I HAD A COUPLE MISSIONS LIKE THAT BUT...
I'M A MAN WHO LACKS SUBTLETY
WITH THE FLOWER THAT LOOKS LIKE STARS...
THE OUTER EDGES LOOK LIKE PETALS ....
....IT'S A LIMONIUM FLOWER
THE MEANING OF THE FLOWER, IS....
A LIM-ONI-UM FLO-WER ....
IT'S BETTER AS A DRY FLOWER
IT'S NOT REALLY A COMMON FLOWER SENT BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN...

AND...
"A PLAYFUL HEART"
I would appreciate "Corporal", if you will.
YOU CALLING ME
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""NEVER DISSAPEARING"

MAYBE THIS WAS....
HER MARR-IAGE REGIS-TRATION?
MAYBE IT WAS A SIGN FROM HER....
THAT SHE WILL FOREVER BE YOUR CORPORAL
NOW, ALL THAT'S LEFT, IS...
FOR YOU TO STAY AS A LT., FOR HER....
AND YOUR ETERNAL COVENANT IS SEALED
SHE KNEW ....
THAT WHEN YOU FOUND OUT THE TRUTH, YOU WOULD GET SAD....
THAT'S WHY .....
SHE LEFT YOU THIS MES-SAGE

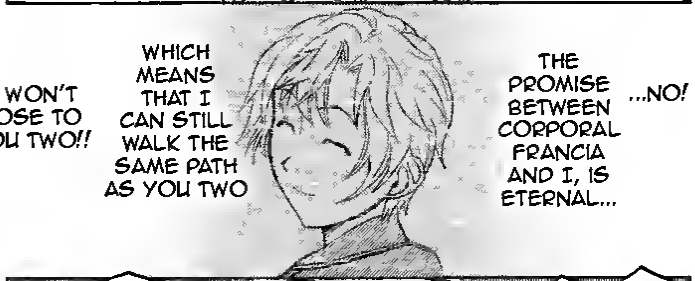
A BOND THAT CONFIRMS MY FEELINGS TOWARDS YOU....
IN ORDER TO CREATE A BOND BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU
I WOULD NOT DRAG MY MEMORIES OF HER, AROUND WITH ME...!!
SO THAT, EVEN AFTER HER DEATH...
COULD IT BE...!!
"REGULAR POSTAL SERVICE"
"C-6"

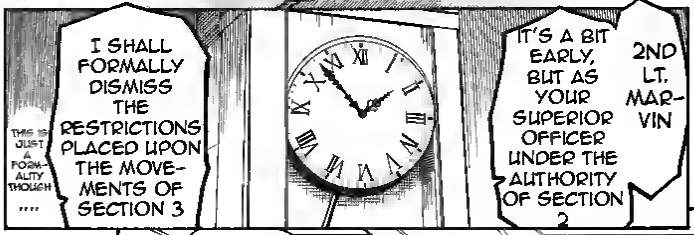
ONLY YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT THE TRUTH BEHIND IT ALL
DUNNO... AS I SAID BEFORE
SWAPPING OUT THE WORD "RULES" WITH "WORK" OR "TENDERNESS" AND YOU'VE GOT A VERY COMMON STORY, FOUND EVERYWHERE...
DESPITE YOUR COMPATIBILITY, YOU GUYS COULDN'T WORK WELL TOGETHER ....
A MAN WHO PUTS GREAT IMPORTANCE ON THE RULES, AND A GIRL WHO BELIEVES IN THE RULES....
BUT ISN'T THAT WHAT NORMALLY HAPPENS?
IT'S NOT REALLY AN ANSWER
IT WAS JUST A HUNCH OF MINE
BECAUSE, ANY OTHER PERSON'S INTERPRETATION WOULDN'T BE ACCURATE
CAN'T BE INTERPRETED BY ANY OTHER PERSON OTHER THAN THE PERSON WHO THE LETTER WAS SENT TO
A REPLY IN A LOVE LETTER

2ND LT. MARVIN
I ALSO THINK HIS DEATH WAS MEANING-LESS
DON'T BUT IGNORE THE REST OF THE THINGS..
THAT WERE LEFT OVER FROM HIS DEATH
EVEN IF HIS DEATH WAS MEANING-LESS
EVERYTHING HE LEFT BEHIND, STILL EXISTS
IF YOU WANT TO, THEN GO AHEAD AND DISMISS THE MAYOR'S DEATH AS MEANING-LESS
BUT DON'T DISMISS THE THINGS THAT THE MAYOR LEFT BEHIND, IN THIS CITY

AFTER ALL...
THIS WAS SOME-THING HE ACCOM-PLISHED, WHILE HE WAS STILL ALIVE, RIGHT?
YOU'VE REALLY... TAUGHT ME A LOT, THESE PAST FEW DAYS
I SHOULD BE SAYING THE SAME TO YOU
IF I HAD NOT SPENT TIME WITH YOU....
I WOULD NOT HAVE REALIZED WHAT I KNOW NOW TO BE TRUE
IT WAS BECAUSE I WAS ABLE TO SEE YOU AND CORPORAL OLAND, THAT I CAN ACCEPT THE TRUTH OF WHAT HAPPENED

WAS A PATH THAT CORPORAL FRANCIA AND I, MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FOLLOW....
WHY'S THAT?
THE CORP-ORAL AND I?
THE PATH THAT YOU AND CORPORAL OLAND, WALK...


I WON'T LOSE TO YOU TWO!!
WHICH MEANS THAT I CAN STILL WALK THE SAME PATH AS YOU TWO
THE PROMISE BETWEEN CORPORAL FRANCIA AND I, IS ETERNAL...
...NO!


I SHALL FORMALLY DISMISS THE RESTRICTIONS PLACED UPON THE MOVE-MENTS OF SECTION 3
THIS IS JUST A FORM-ALITY THOUGH ....
IT'S A BIT EARLY, BUT AS YOUR SUPERIOR OFFICER UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 2
2ND LT. MAR-VIN

...2ND LT. ALICE
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, MARTIS AND THE CORPORAL WILL COME RENDEZVOUS WITH ME
I WANT TO GO AFTER BRAN-DON
MAY I BORROW WARRANT OFFICER ORELDO, AND THE MARK 5?

FOR THE PAST 3 DAYS
THANK YOU

WHAT THE MAYOR...
LEFT BEHIND, HUH...
WAS GETTING SHOT, ONE OF THE LAST ACTS...
THAT THE MAYOR COULD HAVE DONE, ON BEHALF OF HIS BELOVED LORD?
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THIS IS BAD...!!
AH...

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STOP!!
YOU'RE DOING THE WRONG THING!!
WHAT YOU GUYS ARE DOING, ISN'T...

WHAT YOU GUYS ARE DOING, RIGHT NOW, IS WRONG!
...A REBELLION, OR AN UPRISING
DON'T LISTEN TO THAT SOLDIER!!
HE'S RIGHT!!
YOU WERE SLASHING THEM YOURSELF, JUST A MOMENT AGO, TOO!
"WRONG"? WHY IS IT WRONG!
THE RIGHT TO ENACT VENGEANCE ON THESE GUYS!!
WE HAVE...
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GET HIM!!

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WOW.. SHE REALLY DID IT.
MAR-TIS!?
1ST LT.!

I'M SORRY, MR. MANAGER...
BUT
I
I...
REPEAT OUR-SELVES ....
I DON'T WANT US TO...
ARE... PROBABLY ONLY THE PEOPLE WHO WERE ACTUALLY FIGHTING
THOSE WHO HAVE THE RIGHT TO DRAW BLOOD ....
REPEAT ....WHAT EXACTLY?
NONE OF US, FOUGHT AGAINST THEM....
IN THE PAST 3 YEARS
NOT ONF OF US
BUT EVERY-ONE HERE...

WE WERE IN THE POSITION TO BE RULED, SO WE LET OURSELVES BE CONTROLLED
AND NOW
WE ARE IN THE POSITION TO ENACT REVENGE, SO WE ARE LETTING OURSELVES ENACT IT
WE'VE ALWAYS LET OURSELVES, GET SWEPT UP IN WHATEVER CIRCUMSTANCES WE WERE IN
IF WE DON'T FIX THAT, NOW...
IF WE EVER END UP IN A SITUATION WHERE WE ARE RULED OVER BY A DICTATOR
WE WILL BE SWEPT UP BY THE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND WE WILL LET OURSELVES BE CONTROLLED AGAIN....!!
THIS IS...
PROBABLY THE ONLY CHANCE WE HAVE OF CHANGING THIS TOWN!!
IT'S ....
TOO LATE ....
.....

WE HAVE... SUSTAINED THIS CITY WITH HUMAN TRAFF-ICKING...
IN REGARDS TO THAT SUBJECT
THE MAYOR HAS TAKEN FULL RESPON-SIBILITY ON THAT CRIME
YOU GUYS... WILL NOT BE CHARGED
...THIS IS...
..HIS WILL
THE MAYOR...
IS DE-AD
HUH...
HE'S DE-AD...?
N... NO WAY, THAT'S A LIE!!
YOU'RE CLEARLY LYING TO US!
...I KNEW YOU GUYS
WOU-LDN'T BELI-EVE US

SO.... HERE, OKAY?
I WAS GONNA GIVE THIS TO THE CITY, AFTER THIS INCIDENT HAD CLEARED, BUT...
YOU WOUL-DN'T BELIEVE ME, SO
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I WILL PLAY IT..
RIGHT NOW
IT'S THE... LAST COMMUNI-CATIONS MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR
IT'S RECORDED ON A SPECIAL TYPE OF WAX IN ORDER TO ENSURE AUTHENTICITY AND SECRECY
ONCE IT'S PLAYED IT BREAKS AND CAN NEVER BE PLAYED AGAIN
I CAN'T STOP IT ONCE I START PLAYING IT, BUT..... HERE IT GOES
HUH ...?
MARTIS!
I'M SORRY, LIEUT-ENANT, AND THE MAYOR
BUT, I BEL-IEVE THAT THIS IS....
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*..THE CROSSROAD OF THIS TOWN
SO, ONE MORE TIME...
WHO'S VOICE IS THAT
PLEASE REPEAT YOURSELF
IT'S CAPTAIN HANKS' VOICE, ...
AND ALSO .....
THE GUARDS AND ME, THE MAYOR, WERE THE ONES WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING OPERATIONS HERE IN CAROUSEL.....
!
IT'S THE MAYOR'S VOICE!
THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY, NEW THAT WE WERE AUGMENTING OUR FINANCES WITH THIS, BUT
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AND SINCE THE GUARDS HAD ALREADY KILLED MANY PEOPLE, I DOUBT THEY WERE CAPABLE OF OBJECTING AGAINST US
THEY WERE ABUSED ON A DAILY BASIS
!
WILL ....
I, AS THE MAY-
DIDN"T JUST CONFESS HIS CRIMES
THE MAY-OR
IT'S CRU-MBL-ING!!
AH ...
THE MAYOR CHOSE TO KILL HIMSELF...
EVEN THOUGH HE SHOU-LD'VE WAITED FOR HIS TRIAL
THAT HE ALONE WOULD BE PUNISHED WITH THE DEATH PENALTY
HE ALSO MADE IT SO THAT, IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS INFO, WHICH HE GAVE TO SECTION 3

THE TOP BRASS WILL MOST LIKELY SEE THE DEAL AS FULFILLED
AND THEN, THE MAYOR DIED
HE MANAGED TO GIVE HIS INFO TO US
HE FORCEFULLY FULFILLED HIS PART OF THE BARGAIN
YOU GUYS
WILL NOT BE MADE TO ANSWER FOR THEIR CRIMES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING
SO YOU CAN'T COMMIT ANY CRIMES, AND ESCAPE YOUR OWN MORAL RESPONSIBILITY...
BY CLAIMING THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY COMMITED CRIMES
APOLOGIZE TO EVERYONE
....I MUST...

I WAS AFRAID OF THE GUARD UNITS...
...I WAS... TIMID....
I WAS AFRAID OF THE ABUSE ....
ONE LOOK FROM THEM, MADE MY KNEES WEAK
THIS IS WHY THIS CRIME IS ON ME, AND ME ALONE
BUT...
EVEN IF I WAS AFRAID, I HAD A DUTY TO STAND UP AGAINST THEM
THIS IS FULL OF LIES
I KNEW IT...
THIS IS NOT A CRIME THAT MERE CITIZENS LIKE YOU, CAN ATONE FOR
BUT I WILL SAY THIS, JUST IN-CASE
I DOUBT THERE WILL BE ANYONE WHO WILL MISTAKENLY THINK THAT THEY ALSO DESERVE TO BE PUNISHED

HE WENT TO GET HELP, ALONE, WITHOUT ANY DECENT EQUIP-MENT...
WHEN THE REPU-BLIC, INVADED US...
...TIMID ....
IT'S AN UTTER LIE... THAT THE MAYOR WAS...
HE KEPT WALKING, FOR MANY KILOMETERS, ALONE....
OR REPUBLIC SOLDIERS
EVEN THOUGH BANDITS MIGHT APPEAR...
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AH..! THE RECO-RDING

IT'S THE ARMORED TRAIN.....!!!
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...AND
YO
GUY
IT...
HIS VOICE IS...
HIS ....
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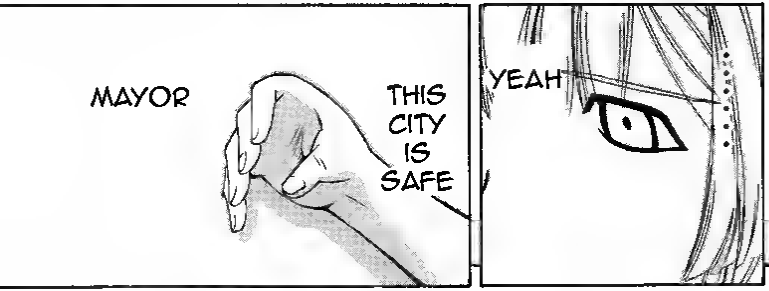
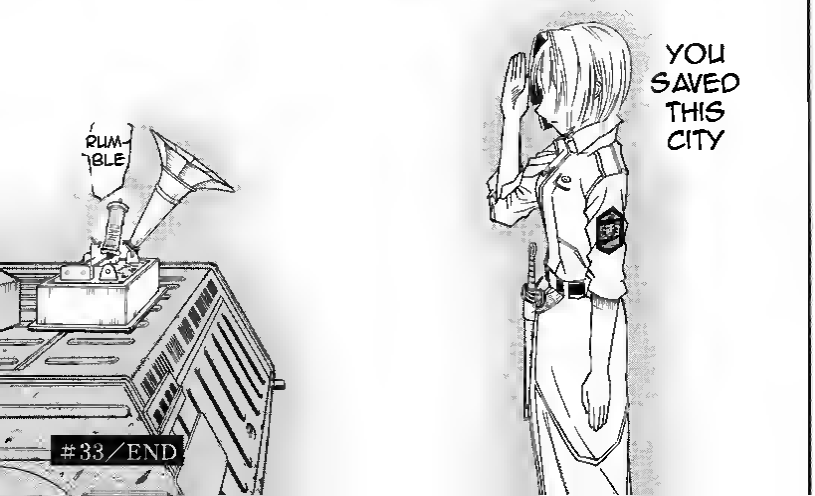
SHUT UP!!!
WE CAN'T HEAR THE MAYOR'S VOICE, WITH ALL THAT RACKET GOING ON!!
...AND
THIS IS...
DAMN IT!!
THIS IS THE LAST MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR!!

THE ARMORED TRAIN...!
THEY SPOKE OUT AGAINST...
WHAT THE MAYOR, LEFT BEHIND ....!!!
SO THIS IS...
WAIT... SOME-THING'S WRONG ....
CRA-CK
CRE-AK

AFRAID OF A THING LIKE THAT...?
...WHY WERE WE...
REGULAR ARMORED TRAIN....
IT'S JUST A....
TO... LIEUT... ..LICE ...RVIN
..IN-AL-LY..
I WI... TO ASK....
I HAVE.... ONE.... LAST FAV.....

SAVE THIS CITY
PLEASE


MAYOR
THIS CITY IS SAFE
YEAH


YOU SAVED THIS CITY
RUM-BLE
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THIS RAILWAY WAS PLACED BY THE PREVIOUS COMMANDER OF THE EMPIRE
IN ORDER TO MAKE UP FOR THE DISHONOUR OF THE LOSS OF THE MAIN CANNON ON THE ARMORED TRAIN...
MAYBE HE WANTED TO BE COMMEN-DATED
OR MAYBE HE WANTED TO DISGUISE THE LOSS OF HIS CANNON WITH AN EXCUSE OF "LOSING IT WHILE TRYING TO BRAVELY ATTACK THE REPUBLIC"....
THE EMPIRE ONLY CARES ABOUT APPEAR-ANCES
THIS IS THE CURRENT STATE OF THE EMPIRE
THE EMP-IRE HAS NO FUT-URE
ALL THAT'S LEFT, IS FOR IT TO SINK
BUT
THE REPUBLIC IS DIFFE-RENT...

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THEY GOT HERE FIRST...
AH, CRAP..
WEA-PONS ?
THERE'S ABOUT 15-16 PEOPLE THERE
4 TRUCKS WITH ALL TERRAIN TRACKS...
ALR-IGHT
THEY ALL HAVE CARBINES, PROBABLY REVOLVER TYPES
I CAN'T... SEE WHAT TYPE OF WEAPONS THEY HAVE, BUT....
WE'RE AT A DISAD-VANTAGE HERE," "COLD WITTER"...
SHE'S DEFINATELY AN 88 D CUP SIZE
BEING AT A DISAD-VANTAGE IS DIFF-ERENT THAN UNDERE-STIMATING THEM
CLICK

...SORRY, LOOKS LIKE I'M GETTING AHEAD OF MYSELF
IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU...
I WOULD'VE PROBABLY JUST GONE IN AND SHOT BRANDON, WITHOUT THINKING IT THROUGH, SO THANKS
YUP
LET'S DECIDE WHAT OUR PRIO-RITIES WILL BE
I WILL GO AND ARREST BRANDON, AND YOU.... GO AFTER THE CONTAINER
AND SECURE THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY
WHAT ABOUT THE CRIMINAL ORGAN-IZATION?
IGNORE THEM ATLEAST THIS TIME AROUND
THINK OF THEM AS ROADBLOCKS INSTEAD OF ACTUAL ENEMIES THAT WE NEED TO DEFEAT
OTHER-WISE, IF WE GET INTO A FIRE-FIGHT WITH THEM, THEY WILL RIP US TO SHREDS
YEAH
SO, HOW DO WE GET CLOSE?
THEY'LL HEAR US WITH THI- VEHI- CLE
...NO
LET'S HAVE THEM NOTICE THAT WE'RE COMING

YOU PROBABLY HAVEN'T NOTICED, BUT....
BRANDON ....
LET'S USE THAT TO OUR ADVANTAGE
HE'S CHANGED A LOT IN THE PAST 3 DAYS
YOU'VE MADE A VERY LARGE MISTAKE
WHAT'S WRONG?
AH... NO
WELL, UNLIKE BEFORE, IN THE PAST...
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THIS WAS FORMERLY IMPERIAL TECHNOLOGY
THEY'VE CROSSED THE SWAMP LANDS SO EASILY....
METAL ALLOYS THAT INCREASE STRENGTH WHILE STAYING LIGHT
CONSTRUCTING TRACKS THAT PRODUCE AN EVEN WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION
THEY ABSORBED AND IMPROVED THE TECHNOLOGY OF THE EMPIRE....
THE REPUBLIC IS ADVANCING FORWARD EVERY DAY

ALRIGHT! I'LL DEFECT ALONG WITH YOU!
SO I GUESS THE FUTURE IS WITH THE REPUBLIC, AND NOT THE EMPIRE
SO THIS FULFILLS THE FINAL CRITERIA FOR MY DEFECTION, RIGHT?
YEAH, IT DOES
THIS IS ENOUGH TO CONFIRM THAT YOU ARE NOT A SPY
WE DON'T WANT TO TAKE ALONG PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL
...TO OUR CAUSE, OR WHO ARE USELESS, AFTER ALL...

WHAT...?
A SMALL VEHICLE?
WAIT!
DON'T FIRE!!
LET ME HANDLE IT
IT'LL HELP PROVE THAT I'M NOT A SPY
I THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE ....
A LITTLE BIT MORE SMARTER THAN THAT .....

"COLD WITTER"!!
HE REALLY DID GET CLOSE, WITH EASE
OH MY...
BLOODY, HEART-LESS THING .....
HE'S DONE SUCH A...
BUY AS MUCH TIME AS YOU CAN...
WHILE TRYING TO SNEAK INTO THE WOMENS DORMI-TORY...
I HAVEN'T DONE THIS MUCH CRAWLING, SINCE I WAS AT OFFICER TRAINING SCHOOL...
...I NEED TO CRAWL MY WAY THERE...

ALONG WITH LOSING CORPORAL FRANCIA
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE LOST YOUR RATIONAL TRAIN OF THOUGHT
I GUESS YOU WERE JUST ANOTHER "FOOLISH IMPERIAL SOLDIER", IN THE END
BUT YOU'VE LOST YOUR EDGE, MERELY BECAUSE OF A GIRL'S DEATH
I HAD HELD YOUR COLD, HEART-LESS-NESS IN HIGH REGARD
MAKE ME SICK!!
ALL OF YOU...
SO THE REASON FOR YOUR DEFECTION, IS YOUR DISBELIEF TOWARDS THE EMPIRE?
SPL-ASH
I KNEW YOU WOULD SAY THAT
WHAT?

THE LEAKING OF INFO REGARDING THE "INVISIBLE NINE" UNITS...
THE MISSIONS I CONDUCTED DURING THE WAR, MADE ME THIS WAY
"DISSAPOINTMENT"
NOT "DISBELIEF"
AND WERE TRYING TO RELY ON THE OUTCOME OF DISINFORMATION, EVEN THOUGH IT MAY OR MAY NOT BE EFFECTIVE! THIS WAS THE STATE THAT THE EMPIRE WAS IN
RIGHT... THEY HAD ME LEAK INFO ABOUT A UNIT THAT NEVER EXISTED...
I, WHO WAS PLACED INSIDE THE REPUBLIC, HAD FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE PROGRESS THEY WERE MAKING
THE REPUBLIC, ON THE OTHER HAND, WAS ADVANCING FORWARD, MAKING PROGRESS
WHY DON'T YOU MAKE THESE UNITS FOR REAL!
YOU IDIOTS!
THERE WERE SOME UNITS THAT WERE UNETHICAL, BUT WOULD CERTAINLY BE EFFECTIVE...
WITHIN THE DISINFORMATION THAT I WAS ORDERED TO LEAK, REGARDING THE INVISIBLE NINE UNITS...

BUT THEY WERE TOO CONCERNED ABOUT APPEARANCES...
WHO CARES IF IT'S UNETHICAL! IF IT'S EFFECTIVE, THEN YOU SHOULD UTILIZE IT!!
IN A WAR, YOU HAVE TO KILL YOUR OPPONENT!!
IT WAS A MIRACLE THAT WE GOT A CEASEFIRE!
THIS IS WAR!! WE SHOULDN'T BE PLAYING AROUND, OR CARING ABOUT CHIVALRY AND OTHER STUPID NOTIONS!!
THAT BLACK AND WHITE HAIRED GUY...
NO, WAIT...
MAYBE WE SHOULD WRAP THINGS UP...
AND REPORTED IT TO ME
SHE FOUND OUT ABOUT THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING...
FRANCIA WAS ALSO USELESS..
WILL HELP REVEAL THE TRUE COLORS OF BRANDON

LEAVE IT TO ME
DON'T REPORT IT TO HQ
BUT ....
EVEN THOUGH SHE REALIZED I WAS APART OF IT...
SHE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING
THE LOCK IS OPEN

IF SHE HAD KILLED HERSELF
THEN ATLEAST SHE COULD'VE AVOIDED THE PAIN OF TORTURE
SHE WAS USELESS
NOR DID SHE HAVE THE GUTS TO KILL HERSELF
SHE WAS...
AN IDIOT!
YOU'RE THE IDIOT
BRANDON

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CR-EAK
DAMN, THE SOUND
...WHAT?
I THREW AWAY MY GUN
IT'S JUST A PIECE OF PAPER
CLICK
"C16"
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANT, EITHER...
"REGULAR POSTAL SERVICE LETTER"
THIS WAS JUST A REGULAR LETTER
IT WASN'T CODED FOR THE MILITARY
SHE NEVER HAD ANY INTENTIONS.
OF REPORTING THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING OPERATION TO HQ

IN ORDER TO UPHOLD THE "RULES" OF SECTION 2
SHE FOLLOWED YOUR ORDERS, NOT TO CALL HQ.....
AND UPHELD THE RULES, TO THE END
THAT'S WHY SHE DIDN'T KILL HERSELF
KILLING HERSELF, WOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED A "DERELICTION OF DUTIES"... AGAINST THE RULES
BY UPHOLDING THE RULES, NO MATTER THE CIRCUM-STANCES
IN ORDER TO PROVE THAT SHE IS A SUBORDINATE OF "COLD WITTER"
THAT LETTER WAS....
THE LETTER... SHE WASN'T ASKING SOMEONE TO RESCUE HER...
.....
SHE LOST TO HER OWN FEAR, AND SENT OUT A LETTER!
..HMPH! DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!

RESCUE TIRAMISU
ASKING SOME-ONE TO....
HER BELOVED DOG....
BEING LEFT, ALONE, IN THE STREETS OF A POOR CITY...
THAT WAS HER ONLY CON-CERN
I'M SO SOR-RY...
BUT IF YOU STAY WITH ME, YOU'LL BE IN DANGER
AND BESIDES, I JUST SENT A LETTER, SO...
I'M SURE SOMEONE WILL COME GET YOU....

TIRA-
MISU
BYE
IF SHE GAVE THE DOG TO SOMEONE, THEN THAT PERSON MAY BE IN DANGER
IF SHE HAD WRITTEN SOME-THING ABOUT THE DOG IN THE LETTER
AND IF YOU FOUND THE LETTER...
YOU WOULD'VE ORDERED A SEARCH OF THE DOG...
SO SHE KEPT IT SECRET, AND ASKED FOR A RESCUE REQUEST...

THIS IS THE SECRET BEHIND WHY SHE USED THE REGULAR POSTAL SERVICE
ONCE HE CAME TO THE CITY....
IT WAS JUST A REGULAR LETTER, SENT TO A GUY WHO WOULD DEFINATELY GO AND SEARCH FOR THE DOG....
DO YOU UNDER-STAND, NOW?

CORPORAL FRANCIA
THERE WAS NO REASON TO KILL
AND GAVE HER NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO SEND THE LETTER
BUT INSTEAD, YOU CORN-ERED HER...
UP UNTIL THE MOMENT YOU DEFECTED
SHE WOULD'VE FOLLOWED YOUR ORDERS..

AND, AS A RESULT... I CAME HERE, TO THIS CITY
AND YOU HAD TO TELL A MEANINGLESS LIE
HAVING TO MAKE MEANINGLESS MOVES
AND ARE NOW, CORNERED, HERE!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S CORNERED!!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION YOU'RE IN...
I HEARD... THE MAYOR'S CONFESSION IN THE COMMS ROOM....
YOU KNEW THE PHONE WAS STILL CONNECTED SO WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP HIM?
THAT'S BECAUSE
THIS IS WHO YOU ARE
YOU PLACE IMPORTANCE ON PSYCHOLOGY, AND WHEN YOU SEE SOMEONE GETTING EMOTIONAL
YOU CAN'T HELP BUT CRUSH THEIR SPIRITS!
YOU WANTED THE MAYOR TO FEEL AS MUCH DESPAIR AS HE COULD, SO YOU LET HIM RAMBLE ON ABOUT THE TRAFFICKING OPERATION
AND YOU WANTED TO CRUSH ME IN PERSON, SO YOU LET ME GET IN CLOSE

THAT YOU MADE
THIS IS THE BIG MISTAKE...
DETRI-MENTAL!?
ONCE WE CROSS THE BORDER, THE EMPIRE CAN'T TOUCH US!!
I TOLD YOU, MANY TIMES
WE WON'T TAKE PEOPLE WHO ARE DETRIMENTAL TO OUR CAUSE
AT THE MOST, IT WILL JUST BE USED IN SECRET NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES
BESIDES, A CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION SUCH AS YOURSELVES, SHOULD HAVE NO INVESTMENT IN SUCH NEGOTIATIONS...
STATE OF THE ART VEHICLES
AND STANDAR-DIZED WEAPONS EQUIP-MENT...

THE REPUBLIC ARMY
THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THESE GUYS, IS PROBABLY...
AND ENOUGH CONNECTIONS TO SET UP A DEFECTION
WELL, WE'LL FIND OUT HOW YOU GUYS MET....
AFTER WE TAKE THIS GUY HOME, AND INTERROGATE HIM...
OH, I FORGOT TO TELL YOU...
ESCAPE HERE, ALIVE?
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN...
THEM ....
I DIDN'T COUNT THEM IN AS A PART OF MY OPERATION
I'VE MADE THE SAME MISTAKE...
THAT HE MADE

SECTION 3, THE PUMPKIN SCISSORS UNIT!!
DON'T LET THEM ESCAPE!
THE TRAIN...!
AARGH!!
WRONG WAY!
CRAP

UGH!
HEY, THIS ONE AS WELL...!!
WAIT!!
W....
BODY ARM- OR VEST ...!!
A MET- AL PLA- TED
YOU'RE WEA- RING ONE, RIGHT?
TAP
TAP
THAT CARB- INE IS A REG- ULAR GUN....

全身骨折と
*YOU CAN ENDURE THE PAIN OF ALL YOUR BONES SHATTERING, AND YOUR INTERNAL ORGANS, RUPTURING, RIGHT!
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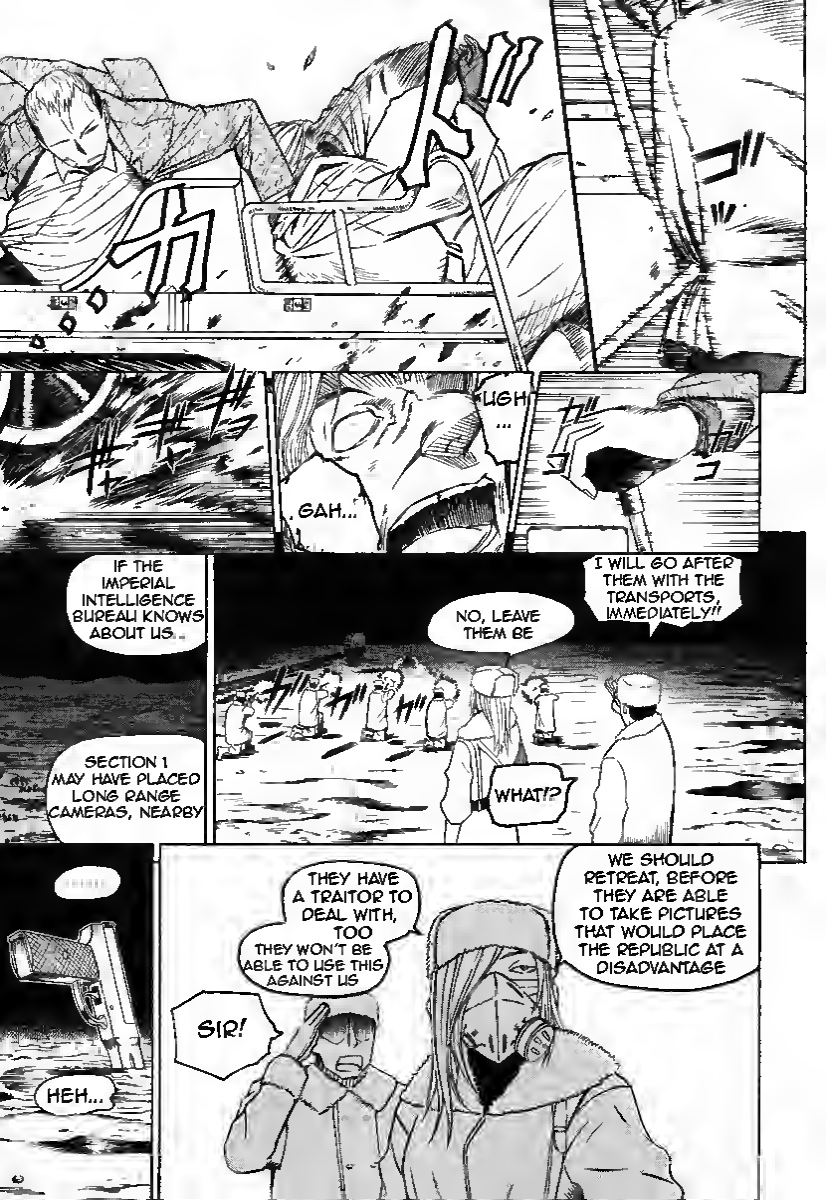
GAH...
UGH...
I WILL GO AFTER THEM WITH THE TRANSPORTS, IMMEDIATELY!!
NO, LEAVE THEM BE
WHAT!?
IF THE IMPERIAL INTELLIGENCE BUREAU KNOWS ABOUT US...
SECTION 1 MAY HAVE PLACED LONG RANGE CAMERAS, NEARBY
WE SHOULD RETREAT, BEFORE THEY ARE ABLE TO TAKE PICTURES THAT WOULD PLACE THE REPUBLIC AT A DISADVANTAGE
THEY HAVE A TRAITOR TO DEAL WITH, TOO
THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO USE THIS AGAINST US
SIR!
HEH...

IF HE IS A SKILLED SECTION 2 OPERATIVE...
フフフ...
THEN HE WILL BE SENT TO THE REPUBLIC, IN THE NEAR FUTURE
UH...
AH...
UGH
ARGH
AR-GH
CO-UGH
UGH
WHY....
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W....HY....
DON'T LEAVE ME BEHIND
DON'T.... GO.... DON'T LEAVE....

WHY.... DID I FAIL
... WHY!?
CO-UGH
CO-UGH
YOU WERE SKILLED AS AN INTELLI-GENCE OPERA-TIVE
AND INEPT AS A HUMAN BEING
THAT IS WHY YOU FAI-LED

THE ARM-ORED TRAIN ...
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LI-GHT FROM A LAN-TERN ....
A DARK BLUE .....
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ATT?
HA HA HA
... HA

SO IT DID EXIST!?
THEN THE EMPIRE IS DOOMED!!
EVEN THOUGH THEY MADE A BUNCH OF DESPERATE, LAST DITCH EFFORT UNITS....
THEY STILL COULDN'T WIN THE WAR!!
IF THE WAR BEGINS AGAIN...
THE EMPIRE WILL LOSE!!
...THAT IDIOT...
HE'S PUSHING HIMSELF AGAIN...

EVEN THOUGH I TURNED OFF THE LANTERN .....
... HA... HAHA ....

*THE HANDS AREN'T DISSAPEARING!!
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THE BARRIER BETWEEN THE DREAM WORLD, AND THE REAL WORLD ...
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HAS COMPLETELY ....
COLLAPSED .....
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SO, IS THIS GOING TO BE ....
MY DAILY ROUTINE .....?
2ND LIEU..

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縋るな!!
*DON'T RELY ON HER!! DON'T LEAN ON HER!!
THE LIEU-TENANT IS...
AL-READY AT HER LIM-IT...
AND THERE WILL BE MANY MORE PEOPLE..
WHO WILL ASK THE LIEU-TENANT FOR HELP
IF I GO AND ASK HER FOR HELP, THEN...
THE LIEU-TENANT WOULD .....

I WAS THE ONE WHO KILLED THESE GUYS .....
THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO GET REVE-NGE FROM ME
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UGH ...
THE TRAIN ....
IS...
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IS HAPP-ENING...
...WHAT THE HELL
MY...
MY...
ARM-ORED TRAIN ...!!
DON'T BREAK DOWN!
DON'T BRE-AK

EVEN THE POW-ERS THAT YOU FLASH AROUND
DIDN'T COME FROM YOU, AND WERE TAKEN FROM OTHER PEOPLE
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CAN YOU BUILD A PARK!?
THIS IS A...
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DAMN IT!!
DAMNIT! DAMNIT!!
A SMALL PARK LIKE THIS!!
I CAN... EASILY BUILD...
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IF I ORDER ...
IF I ORDER IT....
THEN MILE, WILL
BUILD IT FOR ME

DAMN IT...
DAMN IT...

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АААААНН!

DID YOU SAVE ME?
... WHY
?
... HUH?
2ND LIEU...
COR-POR-AL?
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YOU'RE... HURT....
.....!
.....
CORPORAL?
...NO, I'M FINE
DON'T LET THE .....
2ND LIEUTENANT, WORRY ABOUT YOU ....!!
...CORPORAL...
UMM.. WELL ....

DIED
THE MAYOR
HE SAVED THIS TOWN, IN THE END
ALTHOUGH YOU NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO MEET HIM... HE WAS A GREAT MAYOR
BY ITSELF, AND IT'S CITIZENS
AND SURVIVE .....
MOVE ON ....
THIS TOWN, WILL PROBABLY BE ABLE TO...
I KNOW I NEED TO...
AND YET ....
I NEED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT....
EVEN THOUGH HIS ONLY CHOICE WAS TO DIE...
HE STILL MADE THE BEST DECISION ....

I WANTED HIM TO STAY ALIVE!!
I CAN'T AGREE WITH HIS ACTIONS!
MY PERSONAL FEELINGS ABOUT THIS, IS... DAMNIT!!
EVEN THOUGH I KNOW IN MY HEAD...
COULD IT BE...
LT WITTER IS ALSO REALLY... DAMNIT, THIS IS SO CHILDISH OF ME...
I KNOW I'M BEING SELF-INDULGENT. ASKING FOR ANYTHING MORE IS BUT...
LIEU-TENANT...
THIS IS A FIRST .....
.... COR-PORAL?

HER TROUBLES ....
HER REGRET, AND...
BECAUSE OF HER JOB, UP UNTIL NOW...
SHE COULD ONLY FEEL THEM...
SHE HAS TALKED TO ME ABOUT HER TROUBLES AND PERSONAL FEELINGS, LIKE THIS...
BUT, FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT I'VE SEEN, WHERE...
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME THAT I CAN RELY ON YOU
NO... I AM JUST HAPPY THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO RELY ON ME
I'VE BEEN USE-FUL, IN WAYS OTHER THAN KILLING PEOPLE...

PLEASE, RELY ON ME FOR ANY-THING...
YES
IF I CAN STILL BE OF USE TO HER, THEN...
ALTHOUGH I AM PROBABLY IN A PLACE WHERE I CANNOT BE SAVED....
CHANGE THAT WAY OF THINKING OF YOURS
OKAY, SO FIRST OFF...
I DON'T LIKE THAT WAY OF THINKING, ONE BIT!
YOU SAID BEFORE... THAT YOU WANTED TO "HELP SOMEONE IF THEY ARE IN NEED OF HELP"

I WILL SAVE THEM ALL
AS TO WHO CAN AND CAN'T BE SAVED!!
WHY ARE YOU THE ONE TO DRAW A LINE...
I WILL STILL SAVE THEM!!
EVEN IF THE PEOPLE AROUND ME ARE THINKING THAT "THEY CANNOT BE SAVED ANYMORE",

THE LIEU-TEN-ANT .....
ISN'T TALKING ABOUT ME....
BUT... ポタ
BUT EVEN SO... ポタ
!
YOU ..... SO YOU ARE HURT ....
CO-R

JUST FOR TODAY .....
PLEASE, JUST LET ME BORROW YOUR SHOULDER...

UH, WELL, I THOUGHT OF TALKING ABOUT THIS AFTER YOUR INJURIES WERE HEALED...
BUT YOU SEEM TO ALWAYS BE HURT, SO...
!
DON'T UNDER-ESTI-MATE ME
.....
I HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH...
TO HOLD YOU UP, ATLEAST

WHILE WE WERE IN THE TRAIN...
HM?
THEY REJECTED THE HELP THAT EITHER OF THEM, OFFERED
DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY TRIED TO COVER EACH OTHER
TO THE POINT THAT THEY CAN ASK EACH OTHER FOR HELP
BUT NOW, THEIR RELATIONSHIP HAS PROGRESSED...
SER-IOUSLY ....
AT-LEAST THAT'S WHAT I...

SECTION ONE, IS COMING?
YOUR UNIT IS SUCH A LAID BACK, PARTY UNIT....
THEY RECEIVED A CALL FROM A NEARBY STATION
SINCE THE JUGGERNAUT WAS ATTACKED, NOW THEY HAVE A REASON TO INTERVENE
WELL, I'M GLAD THAT THE CORPORAL CAN GET HELP SOONER, BUT...
LT. WITTER...
IF I'M GOING TO BREAK THE RULES...
I'M GOING TO DO IT FOR A GOOD REASON
KILLING YOUR SUPERIOR OFFICER, IS AGAINST REGULATIONS
I'M SURPRISED YOU HELD BACK

A GOOD REASON?
.....
CORPORAL FRANCIA MADE ONE MISTAKE
SHE IGNORED THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING OPERATION
AND YET
SHE LEFT A LETTER, TRYING TO SAVE HER OWN DOG
THAT'S NOT AT ALL WHAT HAPPENED!! YOUR REASONING IS....
I KNOW
SHE HAD NO OTHER CHOICE
BUT I THINK THAT THERE WILL BE SOME WHO WILL VIEW IT THAT WAY
THERE IS NO PROOF THAT FRANCIA EVER CARED ABOUT THIS CITY
THAT'S WHY I, AS HER SUPERIOR OFFICER, WILL TAKE THAT BURDEN, ON
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!!

AH
WHAT'S WRONG
IT WAS.. MY FAULT
I TRIED GIVING THE SOLDIER SOME COFFEE
フン!
THIS ISN'T A WAR-ZONE
AND I DON'T WANT TO DRINK COFFEE THAT'S BEEN IN THIS PUBBLE..
IT'S TOO DIRTY TO DRINK!
DAMN YOU!
THIS IS WHY SOLDIERS ARE....

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DELI-CIOUS
I'LL HAVE ANO-THER ONE
MR... SOL-DIER
Y, YES!
……!
GIVE EVERYONE HERE, A CUP, TOO
SECTION 2 WILL FOOT THE BILL
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YOU ARE RIGHT, THIS REALLY IS...
...I SEE
*AGAINST REGULATIONS
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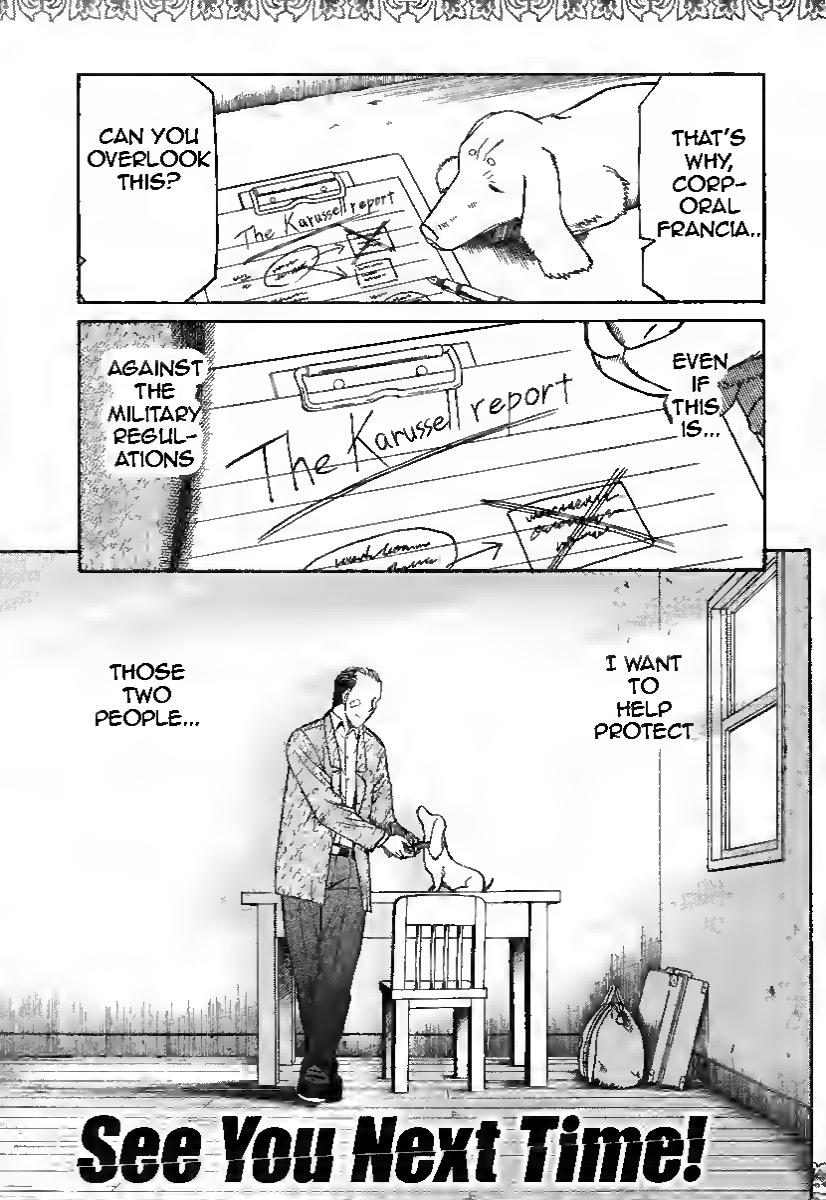
I'M A MAN WHO CAN'T LET GO OF HIS PAST...
I WOULD PROBABLY HAD KEPT THE COLLAR WITH ME
EVEN IF I HAD KEPT BELIEVING YOU HAD REJECTED ME...
I WOULD'VE FOUND OUT THE MEANING BEHIND THE MESSAGE...
AND, MAYBE, IN A FEW YEARS...
AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO THAT CORPORAL AND LIEUTENANT
BUT, NOW I UNDERSTAND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The Karussell report
THAT'S WHY, CORP-ORAL FRANCIA..
AGAINST THE MILITARY REGUL-ATIONS
The Karussell report
EVEN IF THIS IS...
THOSE TWO PEOPLE...
I WANT TO HELP PROTECT
See You Next Time!

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